



REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

MARCH 1, 2009

**LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD
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FOREWORD

This document is supplied in compliance with the statutory requirements to produce an Annual Report and a financial report to the Legislature. This combined report contains information regarding the expenditures of the Louisiana Public Defender Board (hereinafter “Board”), descriptions of its contract programs and each of the judicial districts including self-reported caseload and financial data.

In early spring the Board hired the State Public Defender who took office on June 1, 2008. Thereafter the Board hired the Deputy Public Defender, Director of Juvenile Services in June 2008, the Information Technology Management Officer in late September 2008, the Trial-Level Compliance Officer, and the Special Project Advisor in November 2008.

This first year has produced many challenges for the Board and its staff. The office in New Orleans was closed on September 30, 2008 and relocated to Baton Rouge, as required by law. Due to the budget freeze and civil service rulings, we were unable to hire the Juvenile Compliance Officer, the Deputy Director-Training Officer and their respective support staff or to replace the Budget Officer who left in early November, 2008 until February 23, 2009.

Despite a very small staff, the Board has adopted performance standards which will be published in the Louisiana Register on April 20, 2009; interviewed and hired twelve District Defenders; implemented a budget reporting process; begun reviewing caseload data reporting; joined the Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, the MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change initiative, and the Community Oriented Defense Network. A badly needed website redesign is in progress.

Site visits of various types have been made to nearly every district by at least one member of the staff. Some sites have received multiple visits by both staff and Board members. The Board and staff will continue to monitor local indigent defense services to assure compliance with constitutional, statutory and Board approved standards. An important component of this process will include the hiring of a Deputy Director-Training Officer who will coordinate programs to assist local defenders to improve indigent representation

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Chairman

Frank X. Neuner, Jr., Chairman

1001 West Pinhook Road, Suite 200

Lafayette, LA 70503

Term: 11/03/2008 - 11/02/2012

Appointed by: Governor

Members

James E. Boren

830 Main Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Term: 12/03/2008 – 12/02/2010

*Appointed by: President, Louisiana State
Bar Association*

Judge Robert J. Burns (Retired)

4513 Taft Park

Metairie, LA 70002

Term: 08/19/2008 – 12/31/2010

*Appointed by: Chief Justice, Louisiana
Supreme Court*

Cleveland R. Coon

Southern University Law Center

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Southern University and A&M College

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Term: 12/03/2008 – 02/10/2009

Appointed by: Governor

*Representing: Southern University Law
Center*

Samuel S. Dalton

Post Office Box 10501

New Orleans, LA 70181

Term: 01/17/2008 – 02/06/2011

*Appointed by: Children Code Committee –
Louisiana State Law Institute*

Leo Hamilton

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Post Office Box 3197

Baton Rouge, 70821

Term: 08/19/2008 – 01/31/2010

Appointed by: Governor

Janet C. Hoeffel

Tulane University School of Law

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New Orleans, LA 70118

Term: 02/10/2006 - 02/09/2010

Appointed by: Governor

*Representing: Tulane University School of
Law*

Reverend Dan Krutz

527 North Boulevard, 4th Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Term: 01/01/2006 – 12/31/2009

*Appointed by: Executive Director, Louisiana
Interchurch Conference*

Luceia LeDoux

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New Orleans, LA 70130

Term: 08/15/2007 – 12/31/2009

*Appointed by: Chief Justice, Louisiana
Supreme Court*

Lucy S. McGough

Paul M. Hebert School of Law

Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Term: 07/01/2008 – 01/30/2012

Appointed by: Governor

Representing: Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Judge William Norris III (Retired)

Post Office Box 3076

West Monroe, LA 71294

Term: 08/15/2007 – 01/16/2010

*Appointed by: Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

Walter M. Sanchez

901 Lakeshore Dr., Suite 1050

Lake Charles, LA 70601

Term: 08/15/2007 – 01/21/2011

*Appointed by: President, Louisiana State
Bar Association*

D. Majeeda Snead

Loyola University School of Law

7214 St. Charles Avenue, Box 902

New Orleans, LA 70118

Term: 03/29/2006 – 03/28/2009

Appointed by: Governor

*Representing: Loyola University School of
Law*

Remy Voisin Starns

2098 Staring Lane, Suite A
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Term: 08/15/2007 – 01/02/2010

Appointed by: President of the Senate

Gina Womack

1600 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70113

Term: 06/21/2008 – 06/20/2012

Appointed by: Louis A. Martinet Society

Ex Officio

Alfred Boustany

421 W. Vermillion St.
Lafayette, LA 70501

Term: Ex Officio

Appointed by: Louisiana Public Defenders' Association

Rebecca Hudsmith

102 Versailles Blvd., Suite 816
Lafayette, LA 70501

Term: Ex Officio

Appointed by: Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

FRANK X. NEUNER, JR., PARTNER

Laborde & Neuner Lafayette, Louisiana

Frank X. Neuner, Jr. was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 23, 1951. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972 and a Juris Doctor in 1976 from Louisiana State University. He has been a partner with Laborde & Neuner in Lafayette, Louisiana since its formation in 1987 and currently serves as the Managing Partner. Since his admission to the Louisiana Bar in 1976, Mr. Neuner has been involved in admiralty, insurance, employment law, commercial, and toxic tort litigation. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1994.

He is a member of Louisiana, Texas and American Bar Associations, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. He served as Treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar Association for 2002-2004, and was President of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 2005-2006. Mr. Neuner is a Past President and Board Member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation, and was a member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1980 through 1996. He was on the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association from 1997-1999. He is currently serving as a Louisiana state wide elected Delegate to the American Bar Association.

He is a Team Leader for the Acadiana Inns of Court and is a Past President. Mr. Neuner is a Past Chairman and member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Professionalism and Quality of Life. He has also been a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Committee on the Prevention of Lawyer Misconduct and serves on the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute. Mr. Neuner is also a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel.

Mr. Neuner has written an article for the Louisiana Bar Journal, Vo. 45, No. 1 entitled "Mandatory Professionalism: A Cure for an Infectious Disease" as well as an article for the Tulane Law Review, Volume 73, Numbers 5-6, entitled "Professionalism: Charting a Different Course of the New Millennium". He has been a guest lecturer at the Louisiana State University and Tulane University Law Schools' Continuing Legal Education programs and has presented at seminars for the International Association of Drilling Contractors, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, the Louisiana Judicial College, Marine Insurance Institute, Federal Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

He is a Past Chairman and Board member of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, and serves on the Lafayette Advisory Board for Iberia Bank Corporation. He served as inaugural Co-Chairman of the Lafayette Outreach for Civil Justice in 2003 and 2004 which was honored with a Harrison Tweed award in 2005. He is also a Past President of the United Way of Acadiana and Past Campaign Chair for the United Way

of Acadiana. Mr. Neuner is currently the Chair of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and he was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Drug Policy Board in 2008.

In 2004 the Louisiana State Bar Association honored Mr. Neuner with the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award for his demonstrated commitment to the promotion of legal services to the poor and his significant contributions which have enhanced pro bono efforts in the State of Louisiana during his lifetime. He was also honored in 2004 by the National Client Protection Organization with its prestigious Isaac Hecht law Client Protection Award for his leadership and guidance in reforming the Louisiana State Bar Association's Client Protection Program.

On January 21, 2006, Mr. Neuner was honored by the Louisiana State Bar Association with its Professionalism Award for his dedicated service in assisting the bench and bar in re-establishing the rule of law in the storm-affected areas of Louisiana and for his successful efforts in assisting the lawyers of Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

On June 8, 2006, Mr. Neuner was honored by the Louisiana Bar Foundation with the 2006 President's Award in recognition of outstanding leadership, volunteer service and dedication to the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

On June 9, 2006, the Louisiana State Bar Association's twenty living Past Presidents honored Mr. Neuner for his outstanding service to the profession, the judiciary and the public in response to the unprecedented challenges of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In December of 2006, The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers presented Mr. Neuner with the Public Defender Gideon Award.

In 2008, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center named Mr. Neuner as the Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

Finally, Mr. Neuner was named as one of the Top 50 Louisiana Lawyers for 2007 by Louisiana Life magazine in its Winter 2006/2007 edition.

He has been married to Tracy Owens Neuner for thirty-five years and they have four children and one grandson.

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Frank X. Neuner, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors
Appointed by Governor

Board of Directors (14 Members)

Jean M. Faria
State Public Defender
Start Date: 06/01/08

(Vacant)
Deputy Public Defender,
Director of Training

Lynda Colomb
Confidential Assistant
Start Date: 11/17/08

Lesia H. Batiste
General Counsel
Start Date: 11/17/08

H. Clay Walker
Deputy Public Defender, Director of
Juvenile Services
Start Date: 06/16/08

(Vacant)
Administrative Assistant

(Vacant)
Juvenile Compliance Officer

John E. Di Giulio
Trial Level Compliance Officer
Start Date: 11/1/08

Latrice R. Clark
Administrative Coordinator
Start Date: 11/17/08

Anne Gwin
Paralegal
Start Date: 11/17/08

Marianne Y. Buchanan
Budget Officer
Start Date: 02/23/09

Heather H. Hall
Special Projects Advisor
Start Date: 11/17/08

Dr. Erik A. Stilling
Information Management Technology
Officer
Start Date: 9/24/08

Connie S. Falke
Administrative Coordinator
Start Date: 10/27/08

(Vacant)
Information Management Technology
Support

Louisiana Public Defender Board

District Defenders

- 42 Judicial Districts
- 41 District Defenders

District Defender Staff

Regional Programs

- 11th and 42nd Judicial Districts
- 28th and 7th Judicial Districts
- 4th, 5th, 37th Judicial Districts
- 1st, 39th Judicial Districts

Contract Programs (Reporting Requirements Only):

- Innocence Project New Orleans
- Louisiana Appellate Project
- Capital Appeals Project
- Louisiana Capital Assistance Center
- Capital Assistance Project of Louisiana
- Baton Rouge Capital Conflict Office
- Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana
- Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana

Contract Program Staff

Jean M. Faria, State Public Defender

Jean M. Faria was appointed State Public Defender by the Louisiana Public Defender Board on June 1, 2008. For the previous 11 years, Ms. Faria has served as the Assistant Federal Defender for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, in Baton Rouge, LA. From 1995-1997 she was the Chief Executive Officer of the Louisiana Indigent Defender Board in New Orleans, LA. Prior to that, Ms. Faria worked as a public defender in the 19th JOC Public Defender Office in Baton Rouge.

Ms. Faria has been active in the public defense reform movement, both locally and nationally, for many years. She is a charter member of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and long-standing member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. For more than 10 years she served in the Board of Directors of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and spent significant time as the Chair of the Defender Policy Group within that organization. She currently serves as the Chair of the Indigent Defense Advisory Group to the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID) and is an active member of the American Bar Association. Ms. Faria regularly lectures at criminal defense trainings and participates in policy research of state public defender systems around the country.

Ms. Faria received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Massachusetts and received her J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU in 1983 and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1984.

H. Clay Walker, Deputy Public Defender, Director of Juvenile Defender Services

H. Clay Walker took office as the State Juvenile Defender on June 16, 2008. Since beginning his practice in Louisiana, Mr. Walker has worked as an Associate Attorney at Walker & Lyons, LLP, specializing in cases of constitutional law, civil rights, criminal appeals and juvenile delinquency representation, handling a number of juvenile cases pro bono. In 2006, Mr. Walker began instruction on juvenile delinquency as an adjunct professor at Centenary College in Shreveport.

Mr. Walker has also been involved in a number of initiatives to improve the quality of juvenile defense in Caddo Parish. In 2006, he became a contract attorney with the Southern Poverty Law Center Caddo Parish Special Education Juvenile Justice Initiative, spearheading litigation to interrupt the school-to-jail pipeline crisis. He has also been integrally involved in the work of the MacArthur Foundation at their Caddo Parish site to support the evaluation and treatment of court-involved youth with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Mr. Walker is active on many boards and community committees. Mr. Walker is a member of the Louisiana Legislative Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases, serves as an officer on the board of the Northwest Louisiana Criminal Defense Bar Association and co-chairs the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mr. Walker spent his childhood in New Orleans and moved to Shreveport, LA in high school. He received a B.S in Psychology and English from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR in 1993. Mr. Walker received his J.D. from Northeastern School of Law (Boston, MA) in 1998 and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1998.

Lesia H. Batiste, General Counsel

Lesia H. Batiste joined the LPDB staff as General Counsel in November, 2008. She is a native of Illinois and a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Government Affairs. Ms. Batiste is a member of the Illinois and Louisiana state bar and has been licensed to practice for nearly 20 years.

After graduating from Southern University Law Center in 1988, she worked as a Cook County Public Defender for 4 years. Since then, she has worked as a judicial law clerk for Judge Calloway in the 19th IDC, as a Senior Attorney for the Department of Transportation and most recently an Attorney Supervisor for the Division of Administration.

Marianne Y. Buchanan, Budget Officer

Marianne graduated from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan with a Bachelor of Business Administration in April, 1982. After moving to Louisiana, she was employed by the LA Dept. of Transportation and Development in Baton Rouge in their Audit Section, August of 1982. In 1992, she moved to the Budget Section at DOTD and moved from Budget Manager to Budget Administrator 2 for over a 16-year period. After 26 years at DOTD, she joined the staff at the Louisiana Public Defender Board on February 23, 2009. Marianne is a licensed CPA with the State of Louisiana.

Latrice R. Clark, Administrative Coordinator

Life-long Baton Rouge resident Latrice R. Clark initially joined the LPDB staff in August, 2008 as a temporary employee. She has six years of administrative experience and is state certified in fleet and property management. Ms. Clark oversees the maintenance of the office vehicle, property inventory and office travel procedures. In addition to those duties, Ms. Clark is the Administrative Assistant to the Juvenile Director, office receptionist and mail manager. She joined the staff permanently in November 2008.

Lynda Colomb, Confidential Assistant

Lynda Colomb attended Southern University, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1989 with a Bachelors of Arts in History. She spent 19 years working for the Department of

Corrections as Administrative Legal Coordinator, 5 years as a paralegal in the Division of Risk Litigation, and 13 years in the Department of Administration as a State Claims Risk Adjuster in the Office of Risk Management. Ms. Colomb joined the staff of the Louisiana Public Defender Board in December 2008.

John Di Giulio, Trial-Level Compliance Officer

John Di Giulio has been a full time criminal defense lawyer for most of his forty years since graduating from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1977. During and after working as an associate with Camille Gravel, he has handled hundreds of felony cases in state and federal courts in Louisiana and many other states, including a number of very high profile cases.

Mr. DiGiulio has taken numerous appointed and pro bono criminal cases and has been a proponent of advancing professional standards and compensation for public defenders, including service on the Louisiana Indigent Defense Assistance Board. He has been an ex officio member of the Louisiana Public Defender Association. He was a charter member of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, has served on the Board of Directors for more than twenty years, and has been elected to every executive position including President, as well as chairman of the CLE and legislative committees. He is the recipient of several President's Awards from LACDL as well as the Sam Dalton Capital Defense award.

Connie S. Falke, Administrative Coordinator

Connie Sue Falke was born in Crowley, LA and began her employment with the State of Louisiana as a high school student participant in the Cooperative Office Education program. Her first position was in the Human Resources Office at the East Louisiana State Mental Hospital in Jackson, Louisiana. She maintained a career in the Human Resources field and for 11 years served as a director with the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Ms. Falke joined the LPDB staff as Office Manager/Human Resources in October 2008. She brings with her over twenty-five years of experience and invaluable knowledge in Louisiana state government, civil service, and administrative processes.

Anne Gwin, Paralegal

Anne Gwin graduated from Louisiana State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts. She was employed at that time with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and for ten years worked as a project manager and an executive assistant. In 1992, she took an office manager/legal secretary position with prominent Baton Rouge criminal defense attorney John Di Giulio. In 1999, Ms. Gwin received her paralegal certification from LSU's continuing education program. After 17 years of private sector criminal defense work in city, district and federal courts, she joined the staff of the Louisiana Public Defender Board in October 2008.

Heather H. Hall, Special Projects Advisor

Heather H. Hall joined the LPDB staff as Special Projects Advisor in November 2008. For the previous 4 years, Ms. Hall worked as the Director of the Louisiana Justice Coalition, a non-profit, 16-member agency coalition committed to public defense reform in Louisiana. In that capacity, Ms. Hall built consensus of support around the American Bar Association *Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System*, solicited media attention and support for reform, undertook a diverse public education campaign in all 64 parishes, and initiated community-oriented defense projects in select districts.

Ms. Hall received her Bachelor's Degrees in Religion and History from the University of Rochester (Rochester, NY) in 2002.

Dr. Erik Stilling, Ph.D., Information and Technology Management Officer

Dr. Stilling took office as the Information and Technology Management Officer on September 24, 2008. Dr. Stilling began his career in the engineering department of WLAE-TV in New Orleans. After earning a doctorate, he taught Mass Communication Technology and Journalism courses at Nicholls State and served as the first Director of the Office of Distance Education, implementing compressed video and web-based technologies and applications for adult learners. From 2000-2005, Dr. Stilling worked in California at Holy Names University and as Dean at Expressions College for the Digital Arts, both in the Silicon Valley.

Dr. Stilling returned to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to develop a data collection and analysis system as part of the MacArthur Models for Change program in the Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Justice. This system was used to determine evidence-based alternatives to formal processing of juveniles facing detention and adjudication. Dr. Stilling earned his Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1987 and was awarded his Doctorate in Mass Communication from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1992.

LPDB 2008 Annual Budget Report

(All data are self-reported by the Districts except State Revenues which are from the state financial records system)

District	Total Revenue	Federal Revenue	State Revenue	Local Revenue	% of Total Funded by State	Total Expenditures
1	\$3,216,094		\$1,537,978	\$1,678,116	47.82%	\$3,468,127
2	\$417,804		\$99,592	\$318,212	23.84%	\$329,319
3	\$521,268		\$182,733	\$338,535	35.06%	\$472,939
4	\$2,241,812		\$565,735	\$1,676,077	25.24%	\$2,272,878
5	\$501,280		\$339,730	\$161,550	67.77%	\$389,866
6	\$523,946		\$242,216	\$281,730	46.23%	\$521,715
7	\$396,298		\$327,196	\$69,102	82.56%	\$290,379
8	\$261,951		\$205,422	\$56,529	78.42%	\$214,864
9	\$1,191,303		\$431,244	\$760,059	36.20%	\$956,735
10	\$527,002		\$279,486	\$247,516	53.03%	\$517,907
11	\$718,637		\$194,379	\$524,258	27.05%	\$636,100
12	\$350,675		\$223,482	\$127,193	63.73%	\$349,692
13	\$500,100		\$274,524	\$225,576	54.89%	\$468,482
14	\$1,867,828		\$922,417	\$945,411	49.38%	\$1,848,179
15	\$2,657,669		\$744,580	\$1,913,089	28.02%	\$2,718,366
16	\$1,793,364		\$479,202	\$1,314,162	26.72%	\$1,591,876
17	\$811,294		\$241,365	\$569,929	29.75%	\$748,853
18	\$901,735		\$75,791	\$825,944	8.41%	\$761,212
19	\$4,853,101		\$1,135,605	\$3,717,496	23.40%	\$4,501,137
20	\$249,213		\$167,974	\$81,239	67.40%	\$90,105
21	\$2,509,200		\$982,671	\$1,526,529	39.16%	\$2,320,703
22	\$2,269,551		\$812,640	\$1,456,911	35.81%	\$2,405,211
23	\$939,276		\$227,885	\$711,391	24.26%	\$956,550
24	\$3,537,093		\$469,259	\$3,067,834	13.27%	\$3,420,411
25	\$329,079		\$115,885	\$213,194	35.21%	\$232,982
26	\$1,517,822		\$379,329	\$1,138,493	24.99%	\$1,556,803
27	\$984,787		\$382,560	\$602,227	38.85%	\$730,882
28	\$179,394		\$86,585	\$92,809	48.27%	\$183,432
29	\$1,009,794		\$187,010	\$822,784	18.52%	\$778,300
30	\$444,497		\$99,285	\$345,212	22.34%	\$384,752
31	\$551,598		\$155,585	\$396,013	28.21%	\$529,812
32	\$1,445,586		\$471,097	\$974,489	32.59%	\$1,222,396
33	\$186,235		\$149,635	\$36,600	80.35%	\$18,241
34	\$441,461	\$20,250	\$301,874	\$119,337	68.38%	\$284,024
35	\$201,227		\$116,585	\$84,642	57.94%	\$186,965
36	\$350,557		\$99,567	\$250,990	28.40%	\$333,170
37	\$167,454		\$134,143	\$33,311	80.11%	\$107,918

38	\$188,695		\$86,585	\$102,110	45.89%	\$106,178
39	\$160,201		\$86,585	\$73,616	54.05%	\$104,339
40	\$780,378		\$334,121	\$446,257	42.82%	\$569,283
41	\$5,015,027	\$855,628	\$2,404,158	\$1,755,241	47.94%	\$5,810,546

LA	\$47,711,286	\$875,878	\$16,753,695	\$30,081,713	42.49%	\$45,391,629
	Total Revenues	Total Federal Revenues	Total State Revenues	Total Local Revenues	Average Percentage of State Funding to Districts	Total Expenditures

During FY 2008-2009 the Board received \$29,492,996 in state revenue. Statutory dedications are as follows:

DNA Post-Conviction Testing Fund	\$30,000
Indigent Parent Representation Fund	\$514,000
Public Defender Fund	28,860,570
Over collection Fund	<u>88,421</u>
Total	\$29,492,996

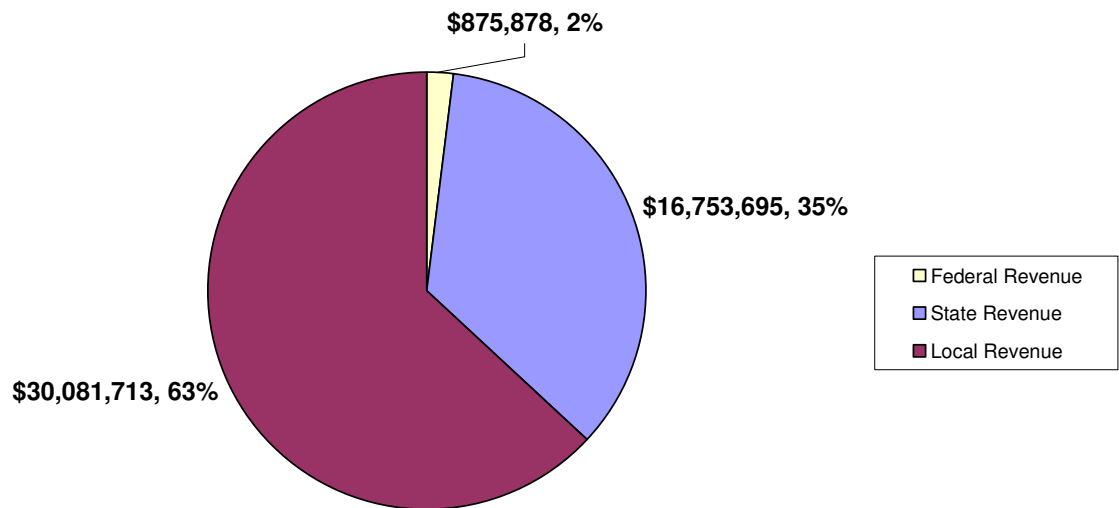
As a result of the budget cuts, these same funds were reduced to \$28,500; \$488,305; \$27,417,541, respectively for a total reduction of 5% to \$28,022,767. The over collection fund was not reduced due the agency's start up costs. Of the \$28,022,767 figure \$13,363,464 will be distributed to the districts. The contract programs handling the data bases, all felony appeals and capital conflict cases and capital appeals and post-conviction representation account for \$11,446,928.

Total anticipated administrative costs for the fiscal year are projected to be \$1,467,609 or 5% of the reduced budget. This includes salaries for all positions, rent for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge offices, operating services, voice and data lines, telephone systems, equipment, postage, advertising costs, automobile maintenance, furniture, office supplies, travel for staff and Board members.

The budget officer was hired on February 23, 2009. An amended calendar year report regarding all expenditures will be substituted upon completion.

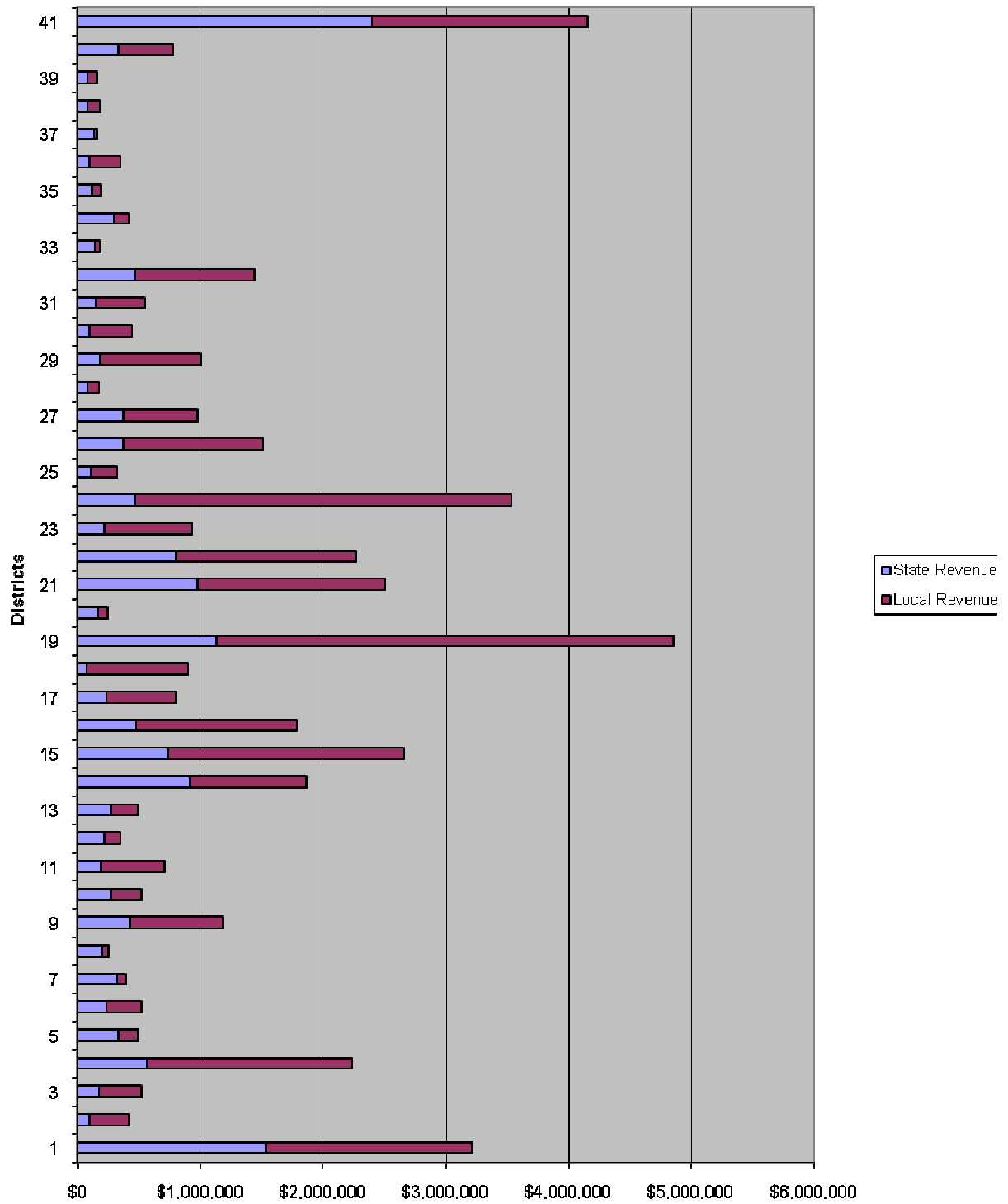
LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2007-2008 & 2008-2009						
DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008			FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009		
	BUDGET	EXPEND.	PERCENTAGE EXPEND TO BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL & PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	PERCENTAGE EXPEND TO BUDGET
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATUTORY DEDICATIONS -						
DNA TESTING POST-CONVICTION FUND (CR5)	30,000	27,095	0.1%	28,500	28,500	0.1%
LA INDIGENT PARENT REPRESENTATION FUND (S08)	514,005	514,005	1.8%	488,305	488,305	1.7%
2004 OVER COLLECTION FUND (V25)	0	0	0.0%	88,421	88,421	0.3%
LA PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND (V31)	27,849,773	27,813,713	98.0%	27,417,541	27,236,101	97.2%
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	28,393,778	28,354,813	99.9%	28,022,767	27,841,327	99.4%
EXPENDITURES:						
Salaries	359,053	359,050	1.3%	1,248,700	797,706	2.8%
Other Compensation	3,909	909	0.0%	18,180	10,385	0.0%
Related Benefits	106,242	106,235	0.4%	369,241	197,823	0.7%
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	469,204	466,194	1.6%	1,636,121	1,005,914	3.6%
Travel	9,500	5,798	0.0%	39,500	21,868	0.1%
Operating Services	116,255	107,599	0.4%	264,725	194,139	0.7%
Supplies	14,682	9,293	0.0%	23,501	20,410	0.1%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	140,437	122,690	0.4%	327,726	236,417	0.8%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	0	0.0%	10,000	125,570	0.4%
Other Charges:						
DNA Testing Post-Conviction	30,000	27,095	0.1%	28,500	28,500	0.1%
Over Collection Fund		0	0.0%	88,421	88,421	0.3%
Indigent Parent Representation	514,005	514,005	1.8%	488,305	488,305	1.7%
Public Defender	27,187,449	27,179,144	95.7%	25,305,419	25,768,492	92.0%
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	27,731,454	27,720,244	97.6%	25,910,645	26,373,718	94.1%
INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS	7,300	7,175	0.0%	26,275	30,000	0.1%
Acquisitions	45,383	38,510	0.1%	112,000	69,708	0.2%
Major Repairs	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL ACQ. & MAJOR REPAIRS	45,383	38,510	0.1%	112,000	69,708	0.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,393,778	28,354,813	99.9%	28,022,767	27,841,327	99.4%
NOTE: Reporting budget and expenditures on a calendar year basis when the agency uses a fiscal year basis would result in incomparable figures. Therefore, this information is being presented by fiscal year.						

Statewide Revenue Sources for Public Defense - LPDB 2008



[Note: Only Orleans (41st JDC) and St. Bernard (34th JDC) reported receipt of Federal Funding]

Proportions of State vs. Local Funding - LPDB 2008 - All Districts



Public Defender Caseload Data for 2008

The following contains data collected by the Louisiana Public Defender Board from the forty-one judicial district defender offices. The data therein is self-reported by each district defender. The “Total Open Cases in 2008” reflects all cases worked on in 2008, including new cases as well as cases continued from 2007 or before. We know for example, that the total number of cases 213,887 does not include approximately 1,200 felony cases from Orleans District Court and 37,400 misdemeanor cases from New Orleans Municipal Court. Also, the total does not include an additional 100 capital cases which are being handled by the districts and contract conflict lawyers for a total of 237 capital cases. The indigent defense system handled in excess of a quarter of a million cases in calendar year 2008.

By law, the defenders are required to count cases rather than charges. This has the potential of skewing the actual work load. For example, if a defendant is charged in one bill of information with four counts of armed robbery and those robberies occurred on different dates and in different locations, for the purpose of investigation and trial preparation those four charges require the resources needed for four cases.

In the table that follows, the term “Number of FTE Attorneys” reflects a calculation which includes all public defender attorneys, both contract and staff, as well as conflict contract counsel.

With regard to caseload standards, the American Bar Association recommends that an attorney work on a maximum number of cases in a year. The standards are as follows:

Juvenile Cases = 250 total per year

Misdemeanor Cases = 400 total per year

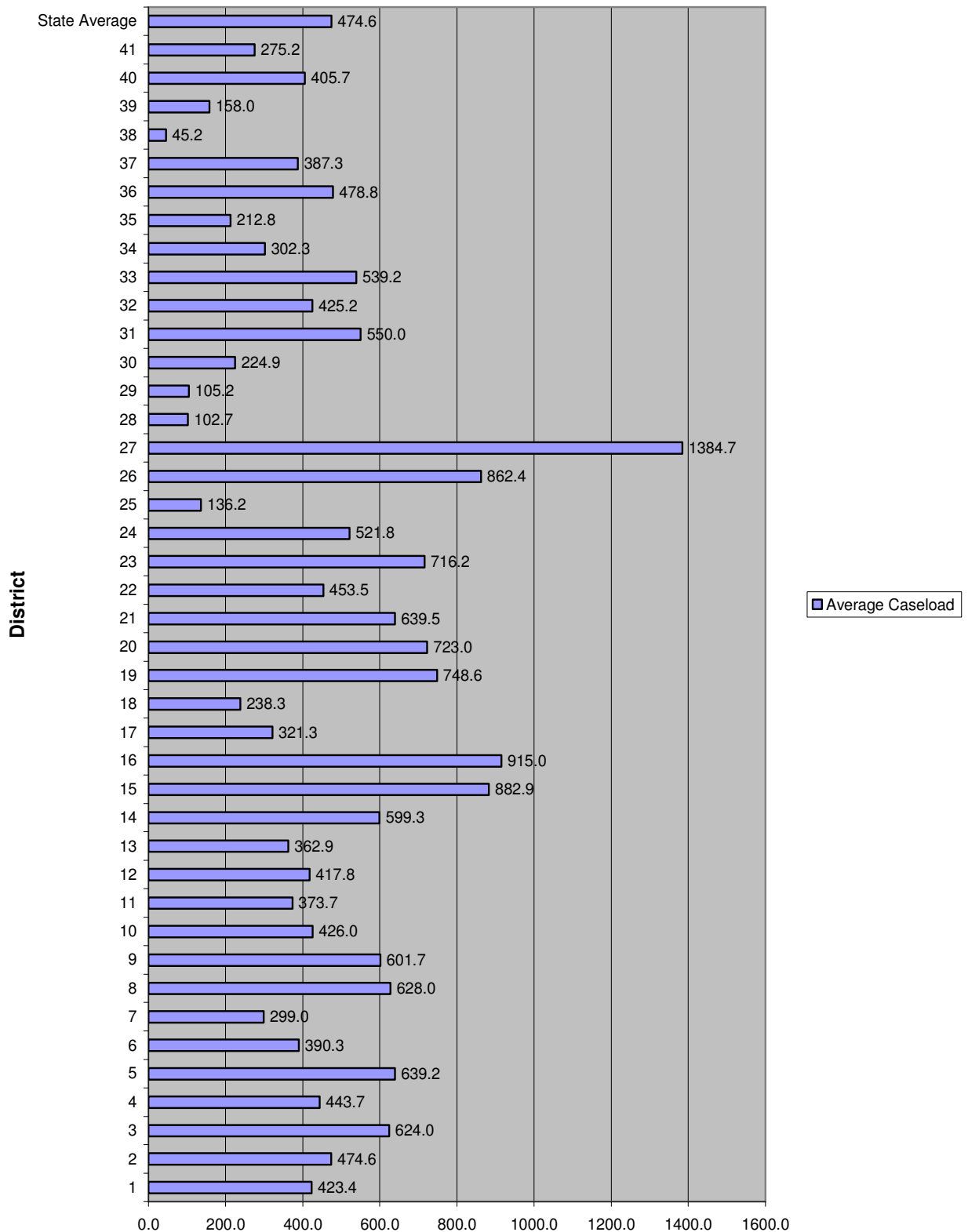
Felony Cases = 150 total per year

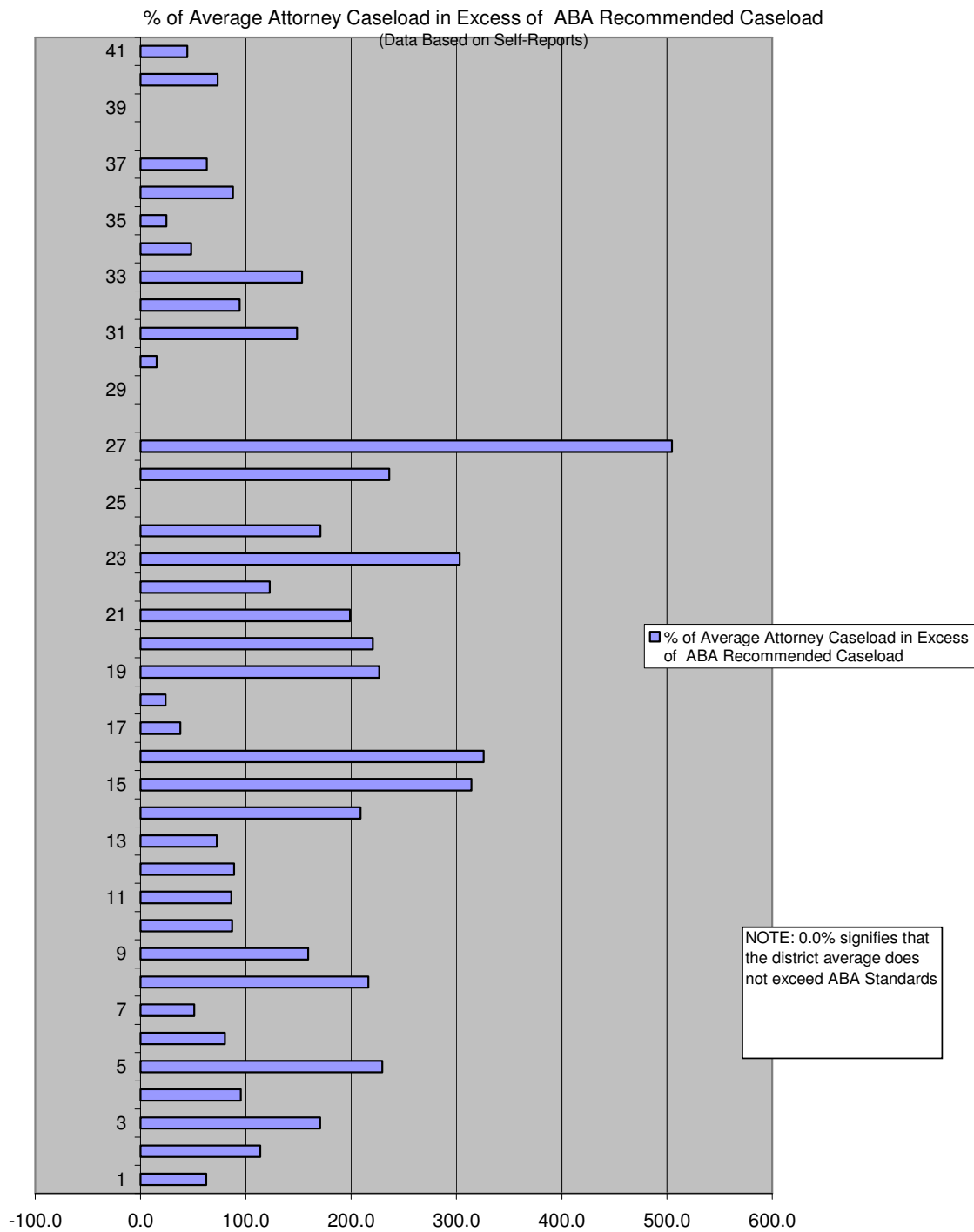
Capital Cases = 5 total per year

The Total FTE Attorneys Recommended by ABA Standards therefore reflects how many attorneys each district should employ to handle the number of cases reported in that district within the limits of the standards.

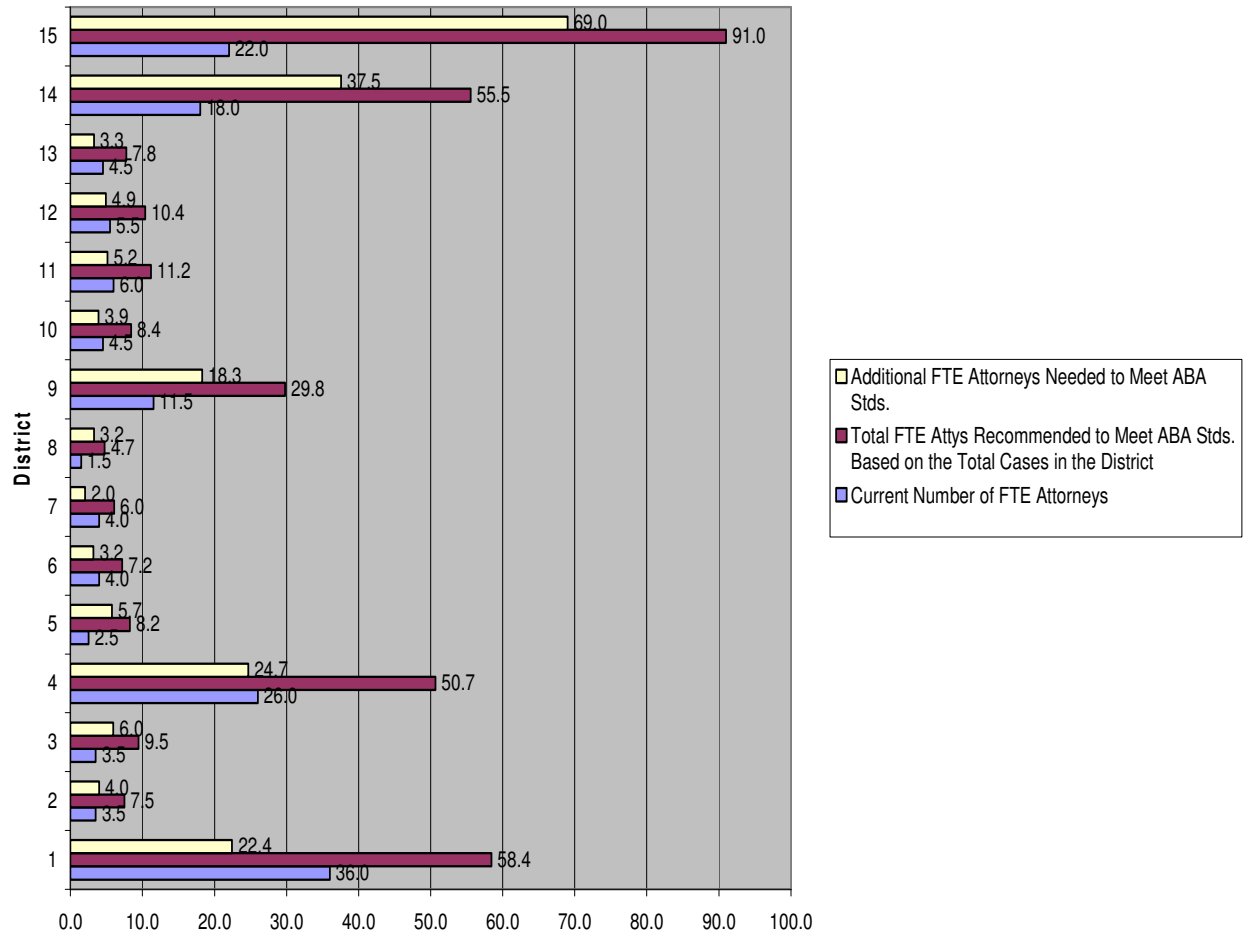
JDC	Parishes	Total Population	Total Cases Open in 2008	Current Number of FTE Attorneys	Average Caseload	Total FTE Attys Recommended to Meet ABA Stds. Based on the Total Cases in the District	Additional FTE Attorneys Needed to Meet ABA Stds.
1	Caddo	252,161	15,243	36.0	423.4	58.4	22.4
2	Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson	48,000	1,661	3.5	474.6	7.5	4.0
3	Lincoln, Union	65,312	2,184	3.5	624.0	9.5	6.0
4	Morehouse, Ouachita	271,552	11,537	26.0	443.7	50.7	24.7
5	Franklin, Richland, West Carroll	54,558	1,598	2.5	639.2	8.2	5.7
6	East Carroll, Madison, Tensas	27,165	1,561	4.0	390.3	7.2	3.2
7	Catahoula, Concordia	31,167	1,196	4.0	299.0	6.0	2.0
8	Winn	16,894	942	1.5	628.0	4.7	3.2
9	Rapides	126,337	6,919	11.5	601.7	29.8	18.3
10	Natchitoches	39,080	1,917	4.5	426.0	8.4	3.9
11	DeSoto, Sabine	50,324	2,242	6.0	373.7	11.2	5.2
12	Avoyelles	41,481	2,298	5.5	417.8	10.4	4.9
13	Evangeline	35,434	1,633	4.5	362.9	7.8	3.3
14	Calcasieu	183,577	10,788	18.0	599.3	55.5	37.5
15	Acadia, Lafayette, Vermilion	303,171	19,424	22.0	882.9	91.0	69.0
16	Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary	102,083	10,523	11.5	915.0	49.0	37.5
17	LaFourche	89,974	3,374	10.5	321.3	14.5	4.0
18	Iberville, Point Coupee, WBR	77,684	2,621	11.0	238.3	13.6	2.6
19	EBR	412,852	31,067	41.5	748.6	135.6	94.1
20	East and West Feliciana	36,471	723	1.0	723.0	3.2	2.2
21	Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa	202,927	12,790	20.0	639.5	59.8	39.8
22	St. Tammany, Washington	235,194	13,833	30.5	453.5	67.9	37.4
23	Ascension, Assumption, St. James	121,231	6,088	8.5	716.2	34.3	25.8
24	Jefferson	455,466	10,175	19.5	521.8	52.8	33.3
25	Plaquemines	26,757	613	4.5	136.2	2.7	-1.8
26	Bossier, Webster	140,141	14,661	17.0	862.4	57.2	40.2
27	St. Landry	87,700	11,770	8.5	1384.7	51.4	42.9
28	LaSalle	14,282	719	7.0	102.7	3.6	-3.4
29	St. Charles	48,072	1,157	11.0	105.2	5.8	-5.2
30	Vernon	52,531	1,237	5.5	224.9	6.3	0.8
31	Jefferson Davis	31,435	1,650	3.0	550.0	7.5	4.5
32	Terrebonne	104,503	5,953	14.0	425.2	27.2	13.2
33	Allen	25,440	1,348	2.5	539.2	6.3	3.8
34	St. Bernard	60,457	1,814	6.0	302.3	8.9	2.9
35	Grant	18,698	532	2.5	212.8	3.1	0.6
36	Beauregard	32,986	1,197	2.5	478.8	4.7	2.2
37	Caldwell	10,560	581	1.5	387.3	2.4	0.9
38	Cameron	9,991	226	5.0	45.2	1.2	-3.8
39	Red River	9,622	316	2.0	158.0	1.4	-0.6
40	St. John the Baptist	43,044	2,840	7.0	405.7	12.1	5.1
41	Orleans	484,674	12,936	47.0	275.2	67.7	20.7
Statewide		4,480,988	231,887	453.5	474.6	1066.5	613.0

Average Caseload - LPDB 2008

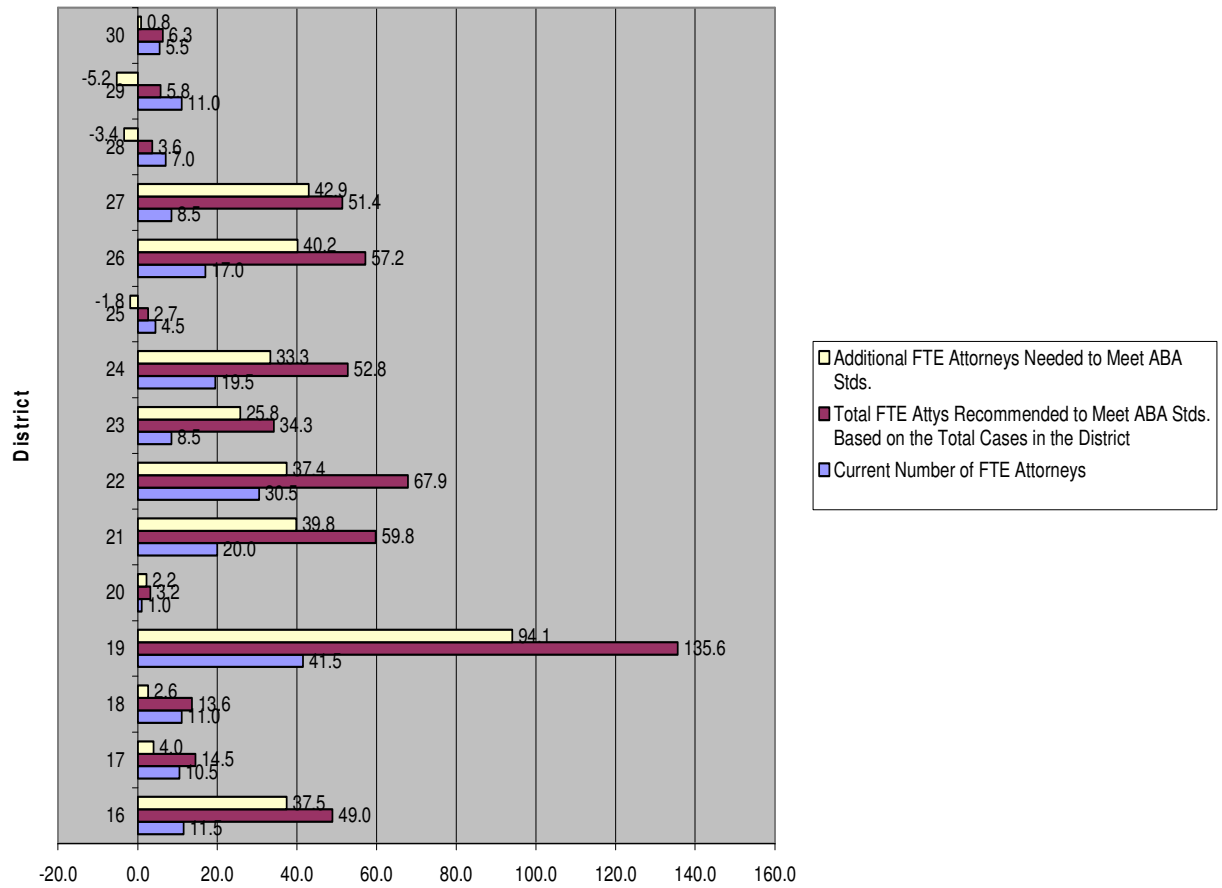




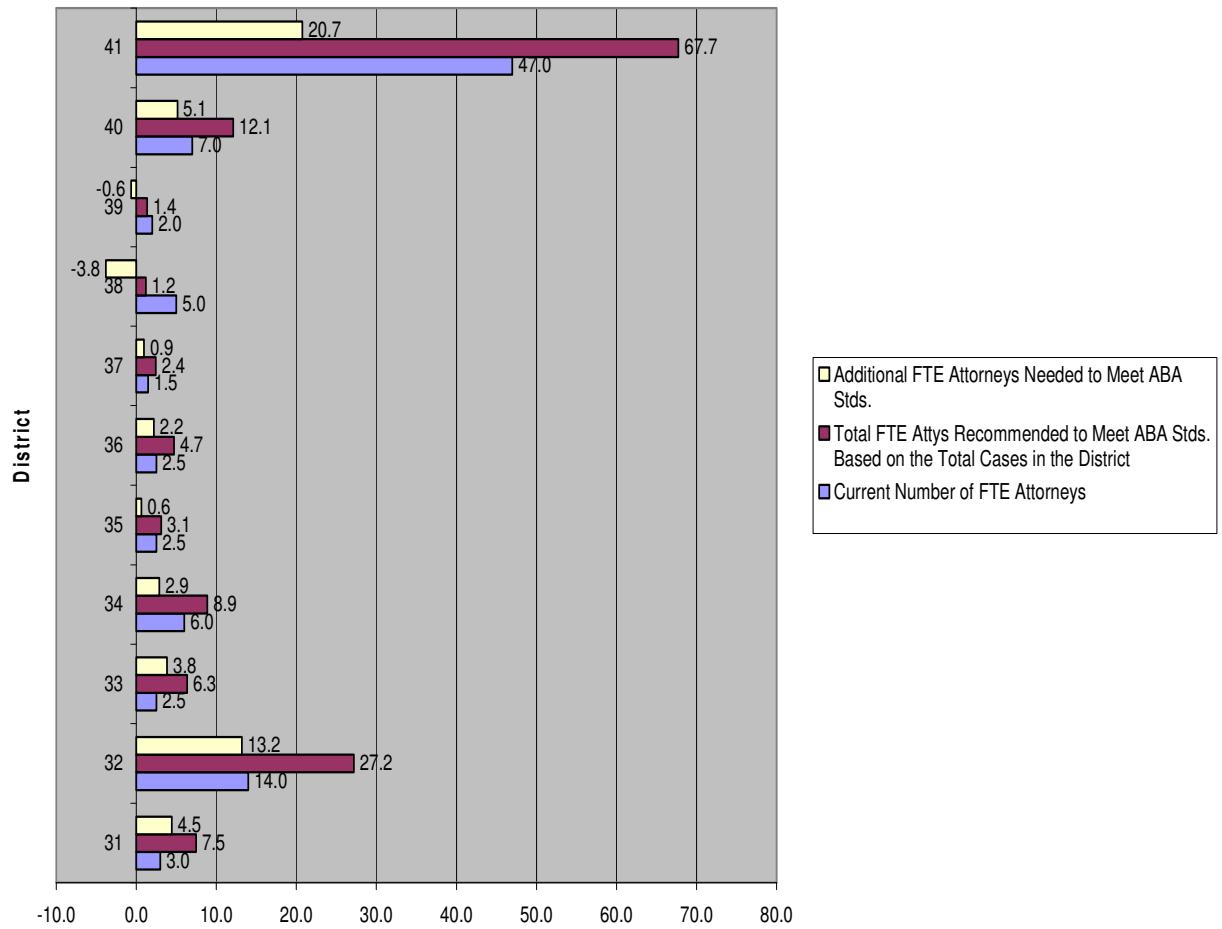
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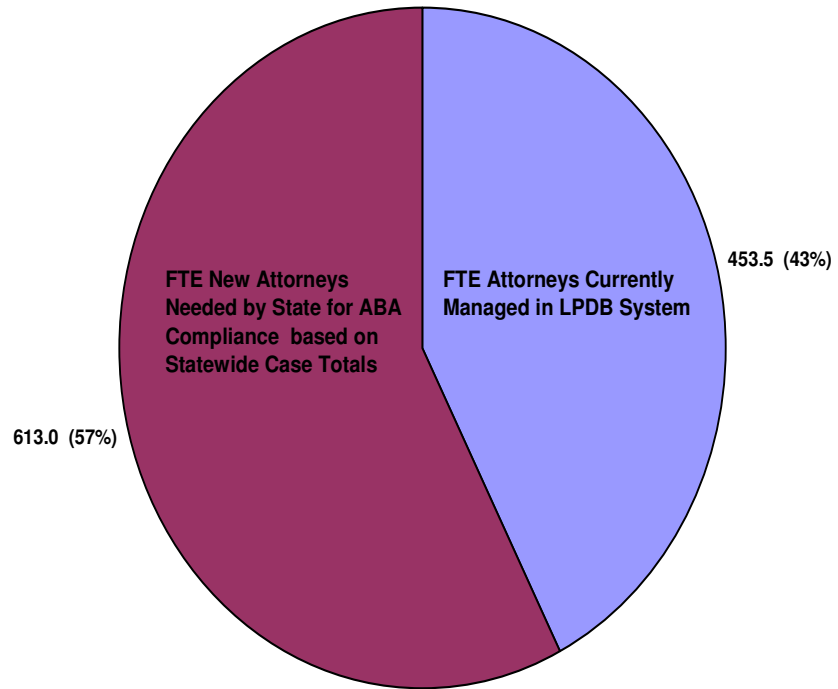
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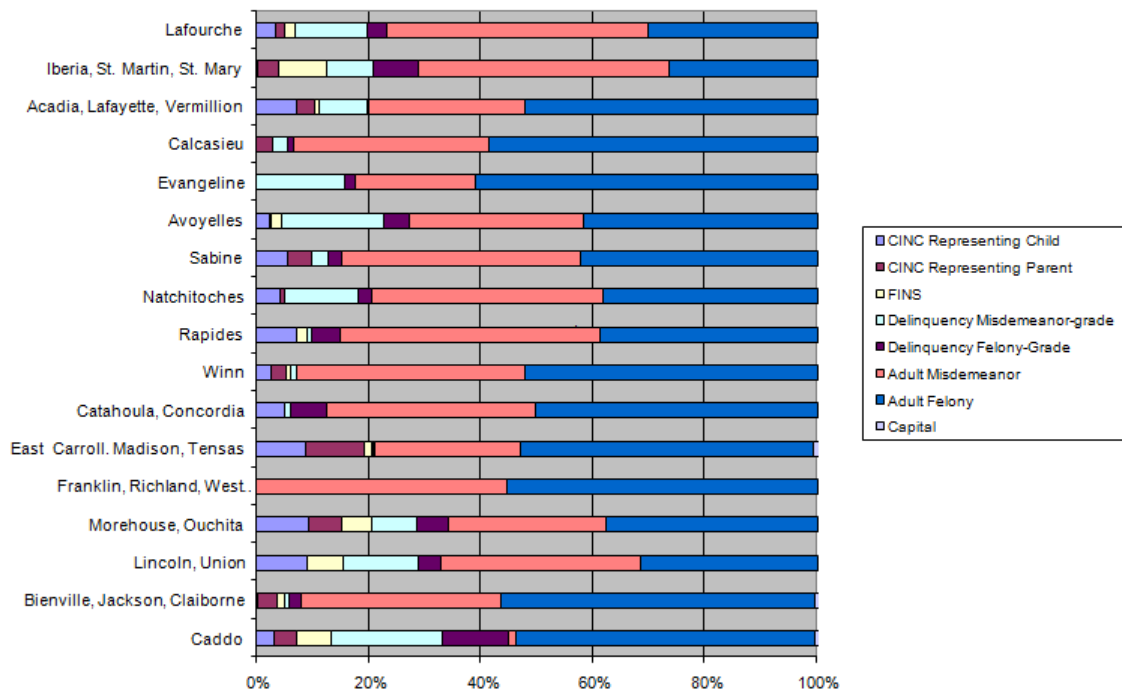
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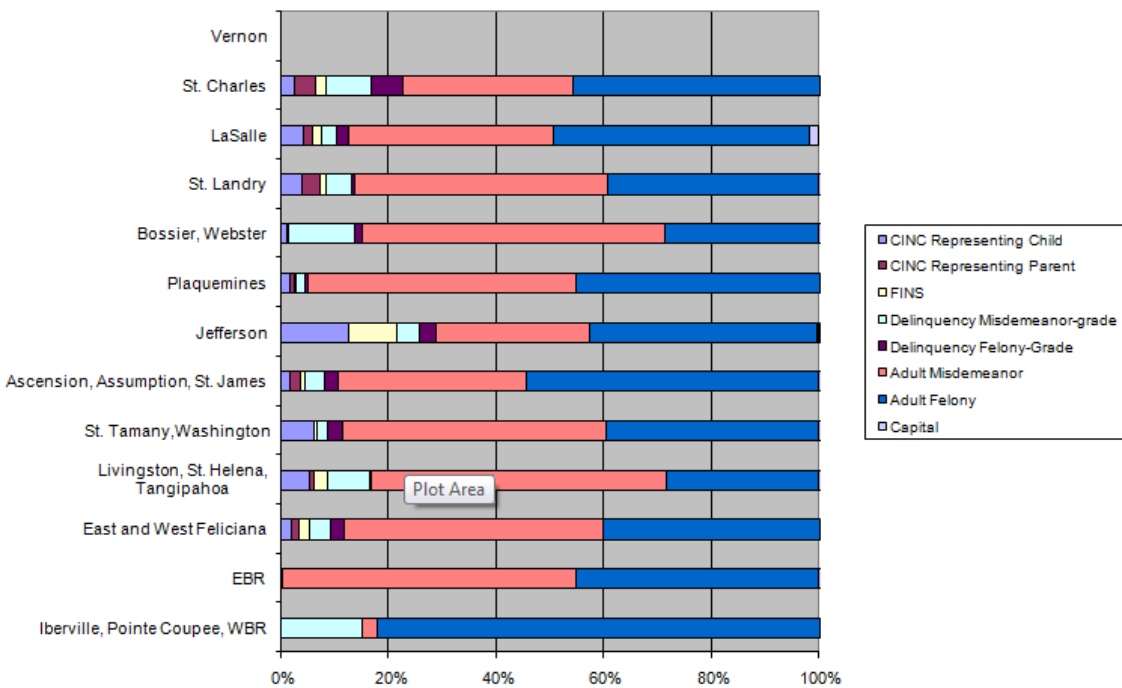
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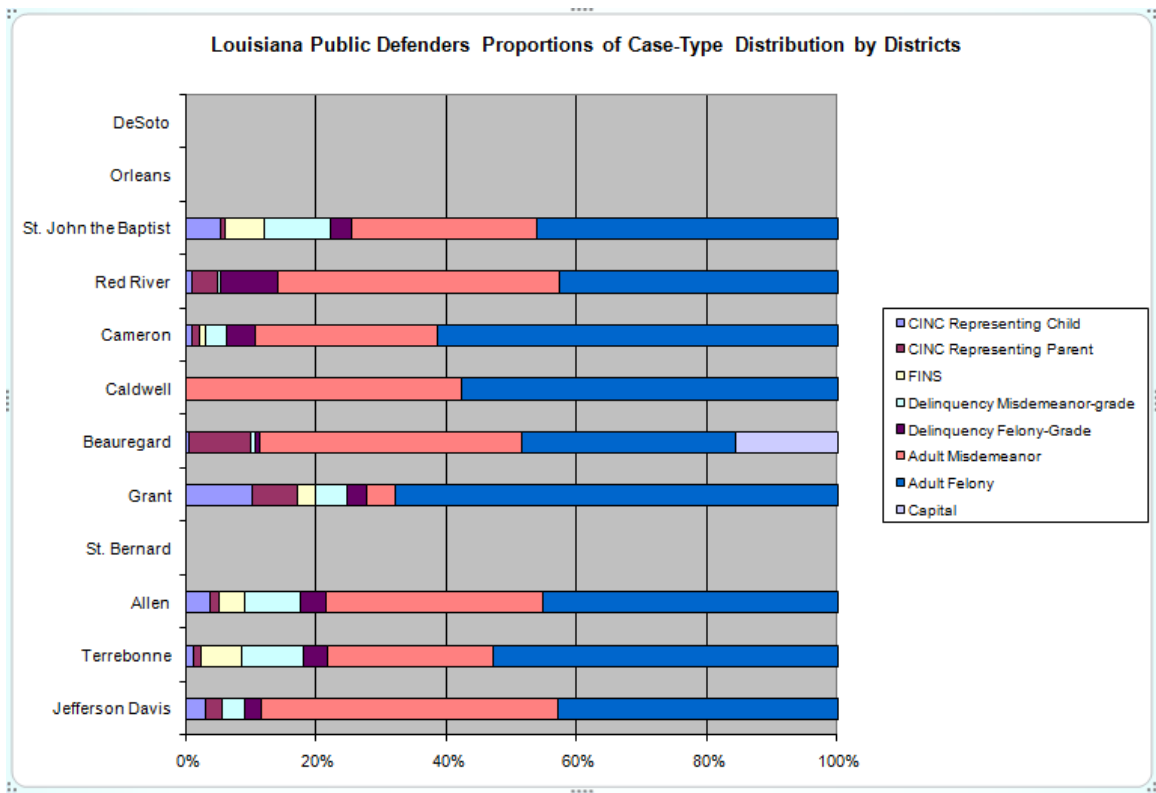


Louisiana Public Defenders Proportions of Case-Type Distribution by Districts



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Juvenile Defense in Louisiana in 2008

In 2008, Louisiana's sixty-four parishes were divided into forty-one judicial districts. Four of those districts have Juvenile Courts: Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson and Orleans. The remaining thirty-seven districts hear juvenile cases in City and/or District Court. Louisiana's Juvenile cases are divided into three categories: 1) Delinquency, 2) Families In Need of Services (FINS), and 3) Child In Need of Care (CINC). Delinquency cases involve criminal charges. FINS cases involve children who are deemed ungovernable, but are not charged with criminal acts. CINC cases involve allegations of child abuse and neglect. In 2008, Louisiana's juvenile defenders worked on nearly 29,000 of these cases.

Louisiana's juvenile defenders continue as stakeholders in several Juvenile Justice Reform projects statewide. The MacArthur Foundation's "Models for Change" (MfC), was in its third year in 2008. Louisiana's five MfC sites (Caddo, Calcasieu, Jefferson, and Rapides Parishes, as well as the 16th Judicial District (Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary)) focused on bringing about change in three areas: expanding alternatives to formal processing and incarceration; increasing access to evidence-based services; and reducing disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system.

In 2008, Louisiana also became a member of MacArthur's Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN) which began developing a model post-disposition program to help youth transition from the juvenile justice system to their community as productive citizens. JIDAN members include Juvenile Judges, Office of Juvenile Justice staff, staff of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, Professors from LSU and Loyola Law schools as well as juvenile defenders. This three year project is aimed at creating a replicable model which reduces the number of youth in prison and reduces each youth's amount of time in prison while simultaneously reducing recidivism.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) was in its second year in Louisiana in 2008. JDAI focuses on reducing reliance on secure confinement while improving public safety and saving state monies. Through JDAI efforts, objective measures were developed for pre-trial detention as well as post-disposition sentences to reduce the number of youths in confinement while reducing recidivism.

Finally, 2008 was the second year for the new Parent Representation Program in CINC cases. In fourteen judicial districts, Juvenile Defenders now represent the parents in CINC cases, allowing the Mental Health Advocacy Service to represent the children. This reduces conflicts and creates a uniform system of representation.

Adult Defense in Louisiana in 2008

The legislature in 2007 passed landmark legislation which began the process of satisfying the mandate of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution that there be a “uniform system for securing and compensating qualified counsel for indigents.” Article 1, Section 13. That statute, now codified at La. R. S. 15: 141 et seq., created the Louisiana Public Defender Board which has supervisory jurisdiction over the delivery of legal services to indigent citizens in criminal cases for the entire state.

The Board was given a number of mandates by the legislature, including the collection and verification of objective statistical data on public defense workload, the adoption of standards and guidelines for delivery of services, the development of an effective management system to monitor and enforce compliance with those standards and guidelines, and general statewide oversight. Previously, local boards appointed by the local judiciary had effective control and jurisdiction over the delivery of indigent defense services. The legislature specifically created the Board to ensure “that the public defender system is free from undue political and judicial interference and free of conflicts of interest.” La. R. S. 15: 142 B (2).

During the past year the Board has approved and hired a State Public Defender and a number of other statutorily created positions, including a Director of Juvenile Services, an Information Technology and Management Officer, a Trial-Level Compliance Officer, and most recently a Budget Officer. The Board has also appointed a number of District Defenders in jurisdictions where the positions had been vacated or for other reasons were not filled. There are now 42 judicial districts, all of whom now have public defenders with supervisory authority over the delivery of defense services in their areas.

As information is gathered and verified, which work is still being developed and refined, it is clear that there were more than a quarter of a million criminal cases in Louisiana in 2008. The statistics are also verifying that the average caseloads being carried by public defenders around the state are excessive by national and state standards, a problem the Board continues to address by seeking additional resources from the state and local revenue sources.

In addition to the collection of important data, the staff under the direction of the Board has begun the process of auditing performance in several districts and offering guidance and resources where needed.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD CONTRACT PROGRAMS

The Louisiana Public Defender Board has contracted with a number of 501(c) organizations, as permitted by La. R. S. 15:147 C (1), to represent indigent defendants in capital cases where conflicts or caseload limits prevent the local district defender office from handling the case. In addition, the board is required by La. R. S. 15:169 and 15:178 to appoint counsel for appellate and post-conviction cases in which a death sentence has been imposed at the trial level. It should be noted that each of the directors of these programs handles a caseload as well as the administrative responsibilities.

The contracts contain provisions for monthly reporting to the LPDB and for audits by the Legislative Auditor. They also provide for performance standards enforceable by the state board, and for termination of the contracts for failure to meet board requirements. These requirements include adhering to the ethical rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court, violations of which may result in termination of the contracts.

Those programs are as follows:

Louisiana Appellate Project (LAP)

The Louisiana Appellate Project provides appellate services for indigents in all non-capital felony appeals arising in all of the districts. This includes felony- grade adjudications for juveniles. All district indigent defender boards have contracted with the LAP to supplement its staff with these services. There is no cost to the district public defender for these services; it is a form of supplemental assistance. Jim Looney is the director who contracts with appellate attorneys around the state to handle the appeals.

Handling the appeals in non-capital cases includes the work in the appellate court and, when professionally appropriate, filing for writs to the Supreme Court. It also includes specifically those cases appealed by the State, such as when a statute is declared unconstitutional.

Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana (CDPSELA)

Kerry Cuccia is the director of this program which handles capital conflict cases primarily in Orleans Parish. He has six lawyers on staff who are handling some 25 active cases. Each case requires two lawyers who must be certified according to standards adopted by the LPDB. They have also handled cases in other jurisdictions where other conflict panels have had problems with conflicts or caseload limits. He and his office have received awards for their work in very difficult cases.

Louisiana Capital Assistance Center (LCAC)

LCAC has a contract to handle capital cases in Calcasieu Parish primarily but also has taken cases in other jurisdictions when conflicts or caseload issues have required it. Richard Bourke is the director of the program which employs 10 lawyers, some part time, and is handling 21 capital cases at the trial level currently. This organization also acts under the terms of its contract as a resource center for public defenders around the state handling capital cases. This group has been in existence since 1993 and has handled cases resulting in improving the quality of representation and compensation in capital cases statewide.

Capital Assistance Project of Louisiana (CAPOLA)

CAPOLA is located in Shreveport and handles capital cases at the trial level in Caddo Parish as well as other jurisdictions primarily in the northern part of the state. Richard Goorley is the director of the office which is handling 16 capital cases at this time, in Red River, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, and Lafourche, and other parishes.

Baton Rouge Capital Conflict Office (BRCCO)

This organization handles capital conflict cases primarily in Baton Rouge but has also helped by taking cases in other jurisdictions, including Orleans, Caddo, and other jurisdictions around the state. David Price is the director who supervises a staff which includes five other lawyers. This office is currently representing 13 indigent capital defendants.

Capital Post Conviction Project of Louisiana (CPCPL)

This organization handles post-conviction representation of indigent defendants whose cases have progressed through the trial and appellate levels. There are 9 lawyers on staff who handle cases as they become eligible and who have successfully represented a number of defendants whose cases are overturned for such reasons as ineffective assistance of counsel at the trial or appellate level, failure by prosecutors to disclose important evidence, newly discovered evidence of innocence, and evidence adduced as a result of junk science.

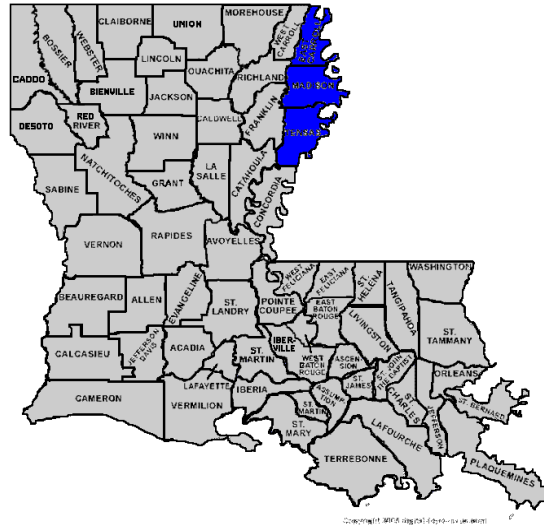
Gary Clement is the director of CPCPL and has his staff working on as many cases as ethical caseload standards permit at any particular time. The program also monitors cases in the pipeline in order to keep track of future needs and caseloads.

Capital Appellate Project (CAP)

Jelpi Picou is the director of this project which handles all capital appeals for indigents who have been sentenced to death. His staff includes four other attorneys who work out of their New Orleans office, as their cases automatically go to the Louisiana Supreme Court as a matter of law. This project has had several cases with national impact because of favorable decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court. Some of the cases which have been overturned are handled in the trial court by CAP lawyers.

Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO)

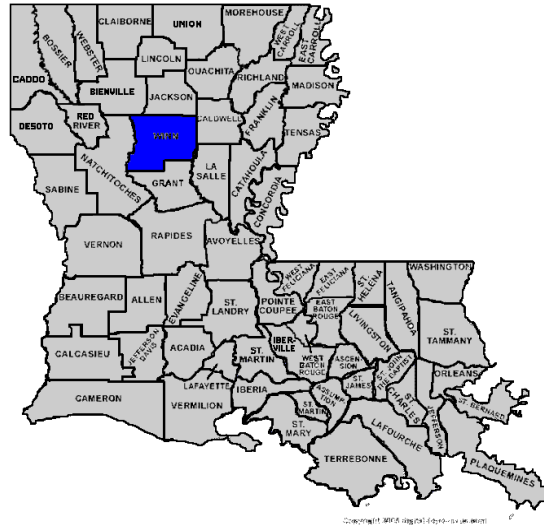
The board has a contract for partial funding of the Innocence Project New Orleans which has achieved the release of 12 innocent men from prison since its inception in 2001. Those men served a total of 214 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Seven defendants who were at one time on death row have been exonerated by the work of this agency and others they have assisted. They have also investigated and reported on systemic problems in Orleans involving the suppression of crucial evidence by prosecutors and police. Emily Maw is the director with a staff of 12. The office uses student volunteers from around the world and is in the forefront in Louisiana in the use of DNA evidence.



The 6th JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: LeRoy Smith, Jr.

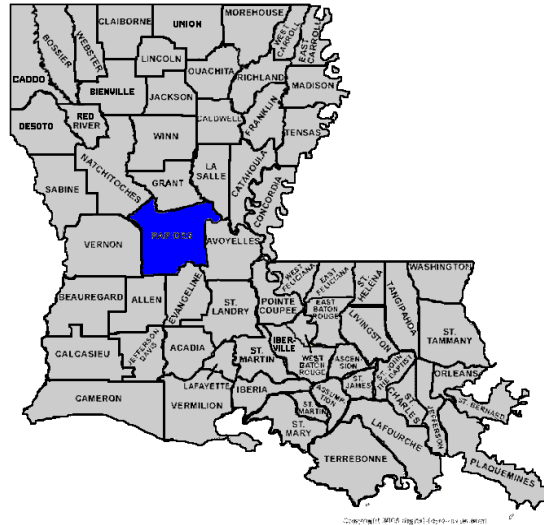
The 6th JDC consists of East Carroll (seat: Lake Providence), Madison (seat: Tallulah) and Tensas (seat: St. Joseph) Parishes. There are eight public defenders in the district, six of whom handle juvenile cases. This office delivers public defense services through a contract delivery mechanism. The District Defender is Leroy Smith. The total population in the 6th JDC is 23,149, including 3,616 youth in public schools. This equates to approximately one public defender per 3,000 people. The District Defender supervises all staff, which includes attorneys, two investigators, and an office manager. The office has a laptop and a desktop computer and reports no equipment needs. The current issue facing the office is the need for additional funding for conflict cases.



THE 8TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Herman A. Castete

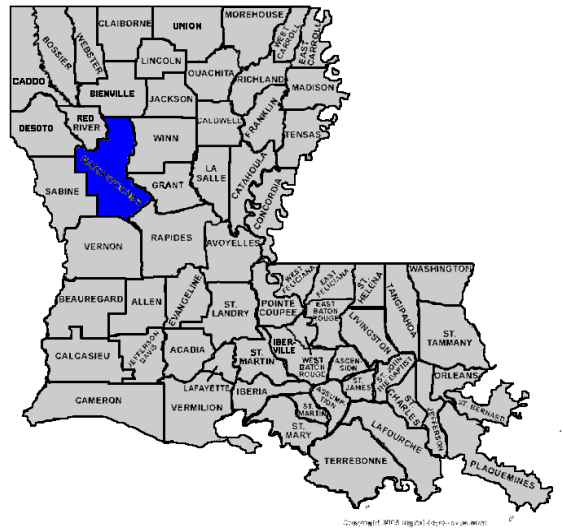
The 8th JDC consists of Winn Parish (seat: Winfield). There are three attorneys in this district, all of whom do some, if not exclusive juvenile work. This office delivers public defense services through a contract delivery mechanism. The District Defender is Herman Castete. The district has a total population of 16,894, with 2,691 youth in Winn Parish public schools. This equates to approximately one public defender per 5,600 people and one juvenile defender per 900 juveniles. The District Defender supervises all staff, which includes all attorneys, an investigator, a secretary and one staff person assigned to data entry. The office owns three desktop computers, two laptops, one color printer, one digital camera and one audio recorder. The office needs a television with VCR/DVD player and video camera. The district did not report any immediate needs.



THE 9TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Kenneth P. Rodenbeck

The 9th JDC, Rapides Parish (seat: Alexandria) has 23 public defenders, three of whom does some, if not exclusive juvenile work. This office delivers public defense services through a contract delivery mechanism. The District Defender is Kenneth Rodenbeck. The district population is 126,337 people, including 23,697 juveniles in Rapides Parish public schools. This equates to approximately one public defender per 5,500 people and one juvenile defender per 8,000 youth. The District assigns a staff person to supervise jail inmate problems; one staff who supervises misdemeanor staff in District Court; and a staff member who supervises the work of all juvenile attorneys and manages office participation in the MacArthur Foundation "Models For Change" program. The office is also staffed by three investigators, four secretaries, one interpreter and one financial staff person. The office currently owns eight desktops, two laptops, eight color printers and two digital cameras. The office would like to purchase a Powerpoint system. The office reports its main issue is high caseloads, which would be alleviated by additional funding to hire more attorneys.



THE 10TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Brett Brunson

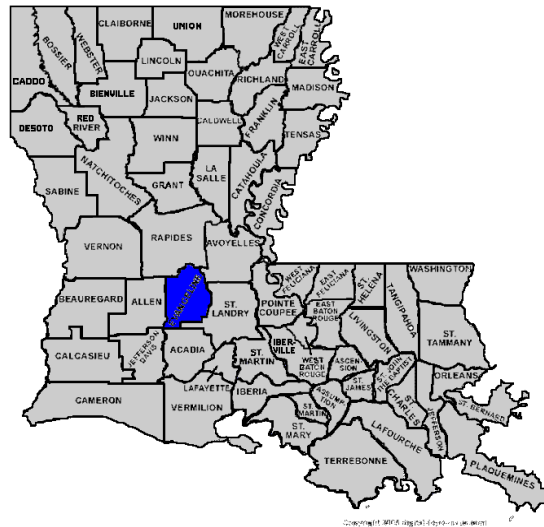
The 10th JDC, Natchitoches Parish (seat: Natchitoches), has eight public defenders, two of whom do some, if not exclusive, juvenile work. This office delivers public defense services through a contract delivery mechanism. The District Defender is Brett Brunson. The district population is 39,080, with 6,950 youth in Natchitoches public schools. This equates to approximately one public defender per 5,000 people, and one juvenile defender per 3,500 juveniles. The District Defender supervises all staff, including attorneys, an investigator, a secretary/intake/finance manager and a data entry specialist. Office equipment includes three desktops, two laptops, one video-conferencing system and a digital camera. The office is in the process of purchasing an additional laptop. The district reports that the police jury and the criminal court fund are out of money and that the judges are trying to require the PDO to pay for transcripts of preliminary exams, pretrial hearing, CINC and trials.



THE 12TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Bradley P. Dauzat

The 12th Judicial District Court in Avoyelles Parish (seat: Marksville), has seven (7) public defenders two of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Bradley Dauzat, serve a population of 41,481 with 6210 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every six thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every 3,100 juveniles. Mr. Dauzat is supported by a senior defender in each of two divisions (who in turn are supported by a junior defender in each division in a sort of mentor-mentee relationship). Additionally, the attorneys are supported by an individual who divides his time as investigator and administrative assistant and another who divides her time as administrative assistant, financial assistant and data entry assistant. No requests for additional equipment were made, except for assistance with the integration of wireless communication from the courthouse to the state, the district and the Clerk of Court which is of immediate concern. As for long-term concerns, office space owned by the PDO is desired, as well as increased funding for attorney and staff benefits. Also, a procedure for earlier appointments to cases is being planned as well as a Staff Organization Plan.



THE 13TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Alex D. Chapman, Jr.

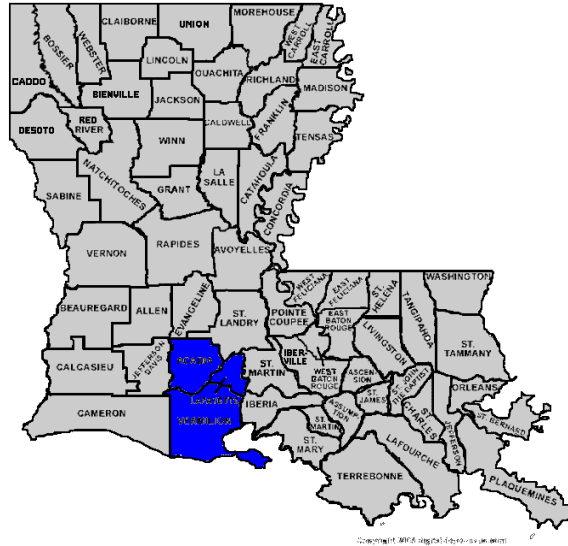
The 13th Judicial District Court in Evangeline Parish (seat: Ville Platte), has nine (9) public defenders four (4) of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Alex Chapman, serve a population of 35,434 with 6120 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every four thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every 1,500 juveniles. Mr. Chapman is supported by an administrative assistant who coordinates assignments, payroll, which is a new supervisory structure for the district, implemented in June of 2008. Additionally, the attorneys are supported by one other full-time administrative assistant and three part-time administrative assistants and another administrative assistant who also does investigations. Attorneys can be reimbursed for one half of the cost of equipment purchases used for indigent defense. Of immediate concern is the need for funding to support an additional attorney to handle adult cases, scheduled for 2009. Regarding long-term concerns, continued funding is paramount.



THE 14TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Mitchell Bergeron

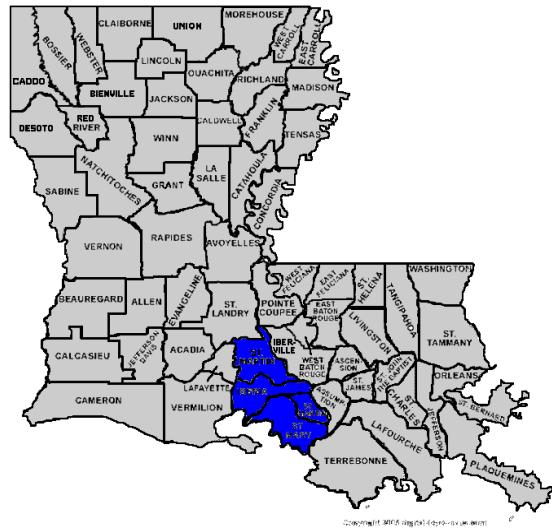
The 14th Judicial District Court in Calcasieu Parish (seat: Lake Charles), has 22 public defenders, three of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of Interim District Defender Mitchell Bergeron (previous to Bergeron was Ron Ware, recently elected Judge) serve a population of 183,577 with 32,837 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 8,300 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 11,000 juveniles. Mr. Bergeron is supported by an office manager who supervises five (5) investigators, nine (9) administrative assistants, one (1) financial assistant and another administrative assistant who is responsible also for data entry. The District Defender supervises attorneys directly. The technical infrastructure is fairly well-equipped, with thirty desktop PC's and digital photography and video equipment. There is a need for wireless technology for the courtroom and the field, a new printer and copier for the office, as well as a new PC and digital software and hardware for digital storage of records. Of immediate concern is the need for funding to support an additional attorney to handle life/serious offense cases, six felony attorneys and one misdemeanor attorney. Regarding long-term concerns, continued funding is needed for caseload management and a social worker for holistic community defense.



THE 15TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: David K. Balfour

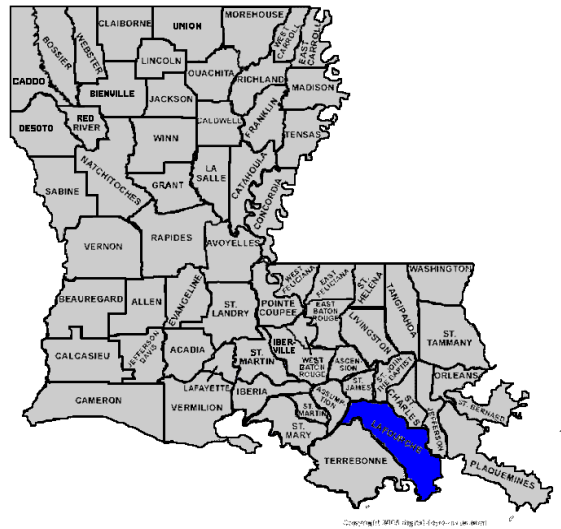
The 15th Judicial District Court in Acadia, Lafayette and Vermillion Parishes (seats: Crowley, Lafayette and Abbeville, respectively), has 44 public defenders, 12 of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender David Balfour, serve a population of 303,171 with 48,699 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every seven thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every four thousand juveniles. Mr. Balfour is supported by an office manager/financial assistant who supervises seven part-time administrative assistants/data entry assistants. The District Defender supervises a capital coordinator and three parish supervisors who supervise individual attorneys directly. The technical infrastructure is equipped sparsely but apparently adequately as no requests are made for additional equipment. The district has nine desktop PC's and five laptops, four of which have wireless cards. Of immediate concern is the need for funding for a Spanish interpreter and for additional contract attorneys. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for First-Degree training, post-conviction representation support, fee schedules for experts and clarification regarding investigative staffing.



THE 16TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: M. Craig Colwart

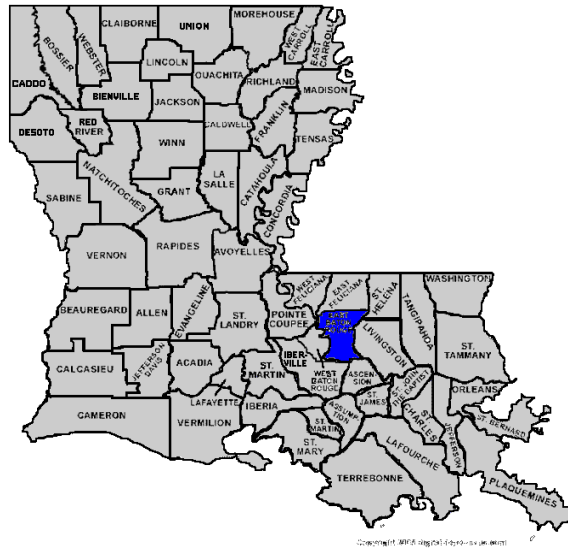
The 16th Judicial District Court in Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary Parishes (seats: New Iberia, St. Martinville and Franklin, respectively), has 15 public defenders, six of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender M. Craig Colwart, serve a population of 175,349 with 32,490 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 11,600 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 5400 juveniles. Mr. Colwart is supported by an office manager/executive assistant and senior support staff and also is supported by one senior felony attorney in each of the parish offices and one head misdemeanor attorney. The technical infrastructure is well-equipped as there have been no requests for additional equipment. The district has 18 desktop PC's and 14 laptops, 13 of which have wireless cards. Of immediate concern is the need for funding to offset rising healthcare coverage costs and inclusion in the state retirement program. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for funding to allow attorneys to leave contract status and to be employed as full-time state employees.



THE 17TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Christopher Boudreaux

The 17th Judicial District Court in Lafourche Parish (seat: Thibodaux), has 14 public defenders, seven of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Christopher Boudreaux, serve a population of 89,974 with 14,876 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 6400 citizens and one juvenile defender for every two thousand juveniles. Mr. Boudreaux is supported by a financial manager and four administrative assistant/data entry assistants. He is also supported by one senior staff attorney in each of the five divisions. The technical infrastructure is well-equipped as there have been no requests for additional equipment. The district has seven desktop PC's and one laptop. Of immediate concern is the need for funding to support a Spanish interpreter. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for funding for healthcare coverage for attorneys and for additional attorneys as caseloads are increasing.



THE 19TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Michael A. Mitchell

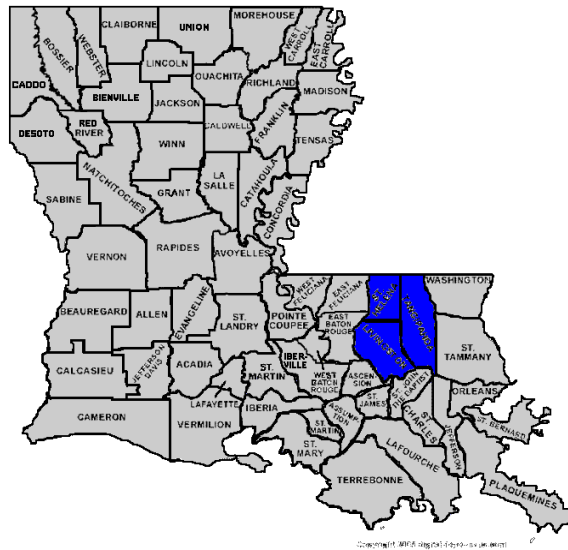
The 19th Judicial District Court, in East Baton Rouge Parish (seat: Baton Rouge), has 45 public defenders, seven of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Michael Mitchell, serve a population of 412,852 with 46046 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every nine thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every 6500 juveniles. Mr. Mitchell is supported by an office manager, an executive assistant, a financial assistant, a collections assistant, three law clerks, 17 investigators and 11 administrative assistants. He is also supported by a chief defender in each of the eight divisions as well as a juvenile division chief, city court chief and a chief of investigators. The technical infrastructure is somewhat well-equipped -- but aging -- with 23 desktop PC's and 27 laptops and 31 wireless cards. An additional six wireless cards, five digital cameras, a new server and telephone system have been requested. Of immediate concern is the need for funding to support additional capital case attorneys (currently the five experienced capital attorneys are handling 15 cases). Additional training and office space are also requested. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for increased funding for social workers to determine and address the root causes of legal problems and for post-conviction alternative solutions to prosecution and incarceration.



THE 20TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Richard Howell

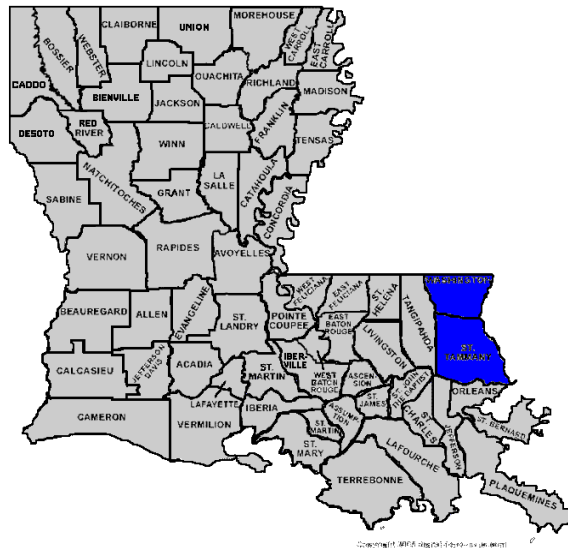
The 20th Judicial District Court in East and West Feliciana Parishes (seats: Jackson and St. Francisville, respectively) has two public defenders, both of whom do some, but not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, directed by interim District Defender Richard Howell, serve a population of 36,471 with 4,738 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every eighteen thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every 2,300 juveniles. Mr. Howell is supported by an office manager/administrative assistant. The District Defender supervises the one other attorney in the district office. Given the staff size, the technical infrastructure is equipped fairly well, as no requests are made for additional equipment. The district has two desktop PC's and two laptops, both of which have wireless cards. Of immediate concern is the need for an additional attorney, office space and a subscription to West Law. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for long-term funding in order to hire an investigator and additional attorney.



THE 21ST JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Reginald McIntyre

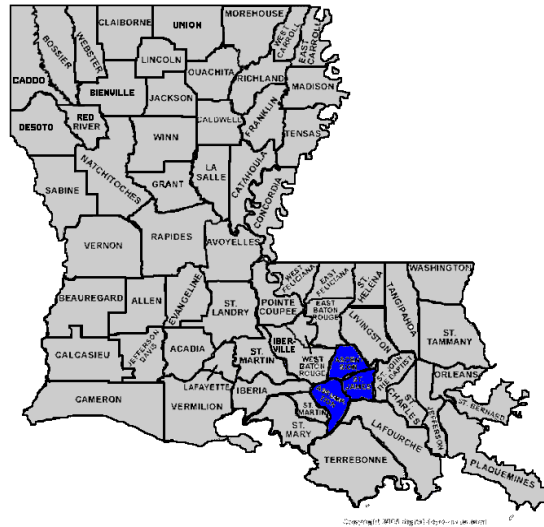
The 21st Judicial District Court covering Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes (seats: Livingston, Greensburg and Amite, respectively) has 26 public defenders, nine of whom do some, but not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, directed by District Defender Reginald McIntyre, serve a population of 202,927 with 44,469 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 7800 citizens and one juvenile defender for every five thousand juveniles. In light of the staff size, the technical infrastructure is equipped fairly well. The district has 22 desktop PCs and three laptops. The district has requested new scanners, fax machines, a copy machine, a printer and a multimedia projector. Of immediate concern is the need for additional attorneys, a social worker and a Spanish interpreter. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for additional office space.



THE 22ND JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: John R. Simmons

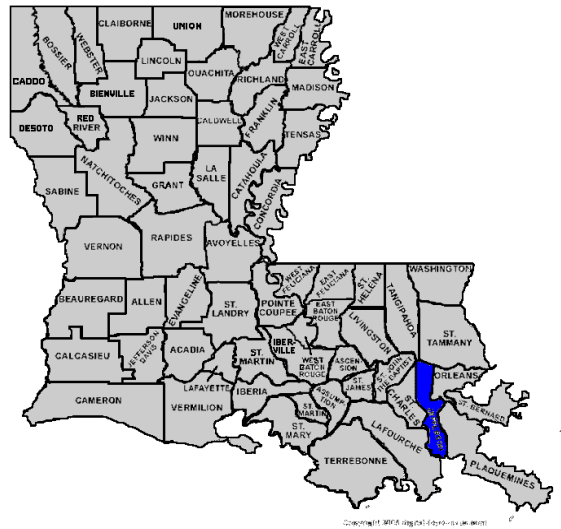
The 22nd Judicial District Court in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes (seats: Covington and Franklinton, respectively), has 39 public defenders, four of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Mr. John Simmons, serve a population of 235,194 with 43,162 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every six thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every ten thousand juveniles. The technical infrastructure is well-equipped although additional equipment (six PC Workstations) will be needed to accommodate the CINC expansion. The district has 34 desktop PC's and one laptop. Of immediate concern is the need for funding for five new support staff to provide two support staff per division, one financial assistant for fee collections, two misdemeanor attorneys, three felony attorneys to assist in the 10 divisions, two juvenile attorneys, two investigators and one social worker. Regarding long-term concerns, there is a need for increased funding to cover expenditures which exceed revenue and have depleted the district's retained earning. Additional funding is also needed for healthcare coverage in view of a projected 15-25% increase in coverage costs. If the current recessionary climate continues, personnel will likely not be retained thus weakening the quality of service delivery.



THE 23RD JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: John A. Lieux

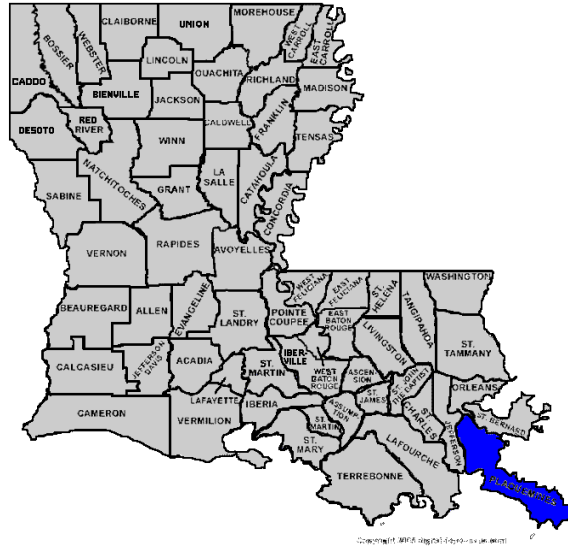
The 23rd Judicial District Court in Ascension, Assumption and St. James Parishes (seats: Donaldsonville, Napoleonville and Convent, respectively) has 15 public defenders, seven of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender John Lieux, serve a population of 121,231 with 27,186 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every eight thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every 3800 juveniles. Mr. Lieux is supported by one investigator and two administrative assistants and the attorneys are directly supervised by the District Defender. Of immediate concern is the need for additional attorneys which will be required due to the increased frequency of court appearances because the new DA has hired additional ADAs to expedite case management on the prosecution's side. Regarding long-term concerns, funding for increased attorney staff is a persistent issue.



THE 24TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Richard N. Thomson

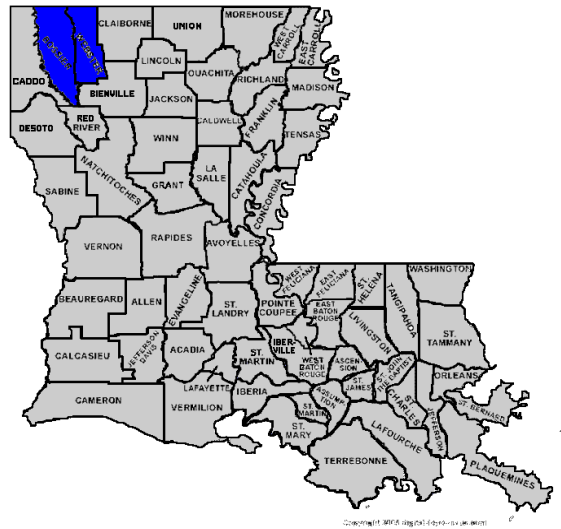
The 24th Judicial District Court covering Jefferson Parish (seat: Gretna) has 40 public defenders, six of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Richard Thompson, serve a population of 1455,466 with 44,058 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 11,300 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 7,300 juveniles. There is no middle-management; all defenders are supervised directly by Mr. Thompson. There were no additional equipment or training requests and no areas of immediate concern reported. Regarding long-term concerns, the district would like to convert from a contract staff to a full-time staff with benefits which would require an additional \$1,000,000 in funding.



THE 25TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Terry A. Bell

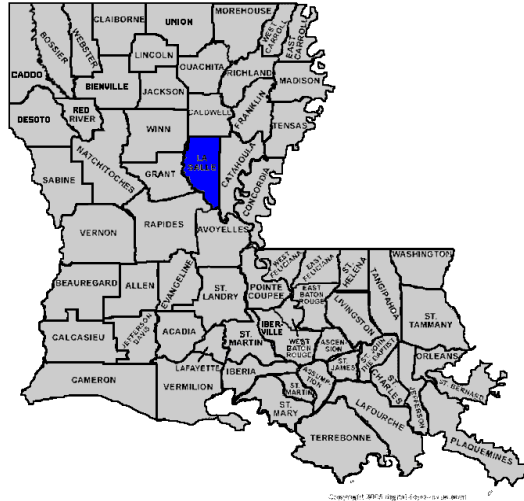
The 25th Judicial District Court in Plaquemines Parish (seat: Pointe-la-Hache), has eight public defenders, five of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. These attorneys, under the direction of interim District Defender Mr. Terry Bell, serve a population of 26,757 with 3,657 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 3300 citizens and one juvenile defender for every seven hundred juveniles. Mr. Bell supervises the attorneys directly and is supported by a financial assistant and administrative assistant who manages the daily operations of the office and attends court with attorneys. The technical infrastructure is adequate, with three desktop PC's, two laptops, a color printer and digital video equipment. There have been no requests for additional equipment or training and no mention of areas of immediate concern. As for long-term concerns, there is a need for funding for healthcare coverage and retirement options for attorneys.



THE 26TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: James R. Phillips

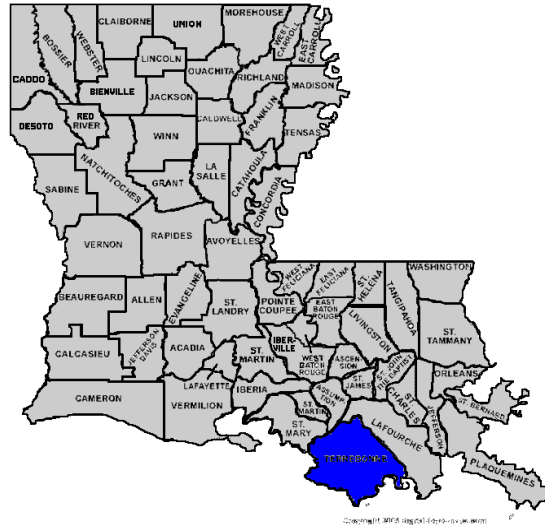
The 26th JDC, comprised of Bossier (seat: Benton) and Webster Parishes (seat: Minden) has 19 public defenders three of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work through a mixed delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender James Phillips, serve a population of 140,141 with 27,191 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 7,400 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 9,100 juveniles. Mr. Phillips is supported by three investigators, one financial assistant, seven administrative assistants, one intake assistant and one data entry clerk. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with 16 desktop PCs, 16 laptops, a color printer, an audio recorder and a VCR. Increased funds are requested for additional attorneys as well as social workers and mitigation specialists.



THE 28TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Joseph Kutch

The 28th JDC, comprised of LaSalle Parish (seat: Jena) has eleven public defenders, seven of whom do some if not exclusively juvenile work through a contract delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Joseph Kutch, serves a population of 14,282 with 2,666 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to approximately one attorney for every 1300 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 380 juveniles. Mr. Kutch is supported by two administrative/financial/data entry assistants. The office has only one PC and he has requested another, as well as training on data entry. The district's long-term concern is maintaining a team of volunteer attorneys and replacing those that have proven to be unreliable. Also, both assistants are pregnant and due in June 2009, so support staff may become problematic.



THE 32ND JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Anthony P. Champagne

The 32nd JDC, comprised of Terrebonne Parish (seat: Houma) has 26 public defenders 19 of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work. The office delivers public defense services through a mixed mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Anthony Champagne, serve a population of 104,503 with 19,276 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every four thousand citizens and one juvenile defender for every one thousand juveniles. Mr. Champagne is supported by seven administrative assistants and one investigator. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with ten desktops, nine laptops, three wireless card, 11 color printer, two audio recorders, one video camera, one VCR/DVD recorder, and one DVD player. However, technical training is requested for the database data entry. Increased funds are requested for investigators and to transition contract attorneys to full time staff attorneys.



THE 34TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Gregory S. Duhy

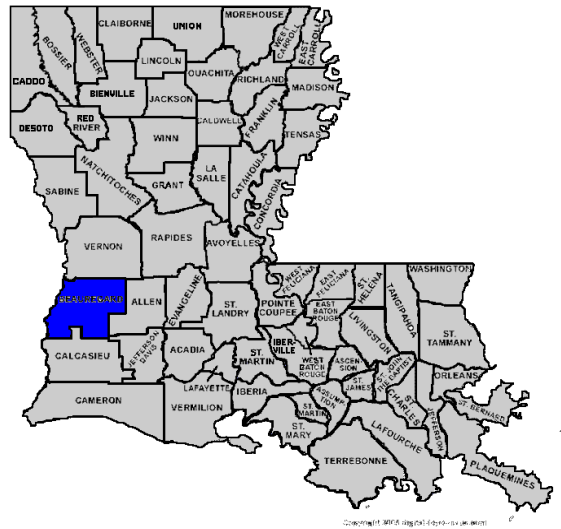
The 34th JDC consists of St. Bernard (seat: Chalmette) Parish. There are seven public defenders in the district, four of whom handle juvenile cases. This office delivers public defense services through a contract delivery mechanism. The District Defender is Greg Duhy. The total population in the 34th JDC is 67,229, including 4,198 youth in public schools. This equates to approximately one public defender per 9,600 people. The District Defender supervises all staff, which includes attorneys, and a secretary. The office has seven laptops and reports no significant equipment needs. The current issues facing the office are the need for additional funding for salaries, investigators and training.



THE 35TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Robert L. Kennedy

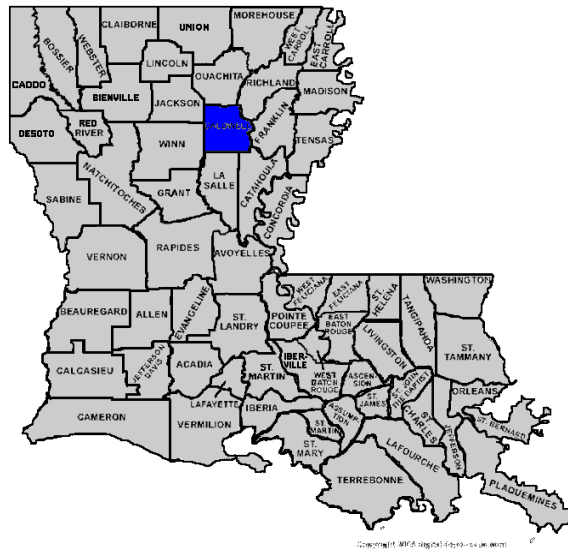
The 35th JDC, comprised of Grant Parish (seat: Colfax) has three public defenders. All three practice in adult and juvenile court. This office delivers public defense services through a mixed delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Robert Kennedy, serve a population of 18, 698 with 3422 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 6200 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 1,100 juveniles. Mr. Kennedy is supported by one administrative assistant and one investigator. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with one desktop PC. Increased funding is requested for support staff and office staff.



THE 36TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: David L. Wallace

The 36th Judicial District Court comprised of Beauregard Parish (seat: DeRidder) has five public defenders. All five practice in adult and juvenile court. There is currently no district defender in this district. The 36th JDC has a population of 10,560 with 1,779 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 2,100 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 350 juveniles. The district is supported by two financial assistants and three investigators. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with two desktop PC's. However, a digital camera is requested. Additional funding for attorneys and investigators is requested.



THE 37TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Louis V. Champagne

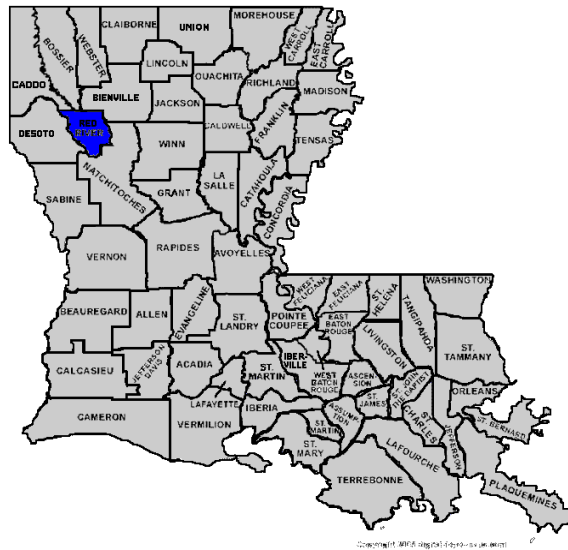
The 37th JDC, comprised of Caldwell Parish (seat: Columbia) has two public defenders, both of whom do some juvenile work through a mixed delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Louis Champagne, serve a population of 32,986 with 6,145 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 16,500 citizens. The juvenile defense work in the 37th is performed by attorneys in the 4th JDC. Mr. Champagne is supported by an Assistant District Defender, one administrative assistant and one investigator. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with three desktops, two laptops, one VCR, one color printer, one digital camera, and two audio recorders. Increased and stable funding is requested in the 37th JDC.



THE 38TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

District Defender: Penelope Richard

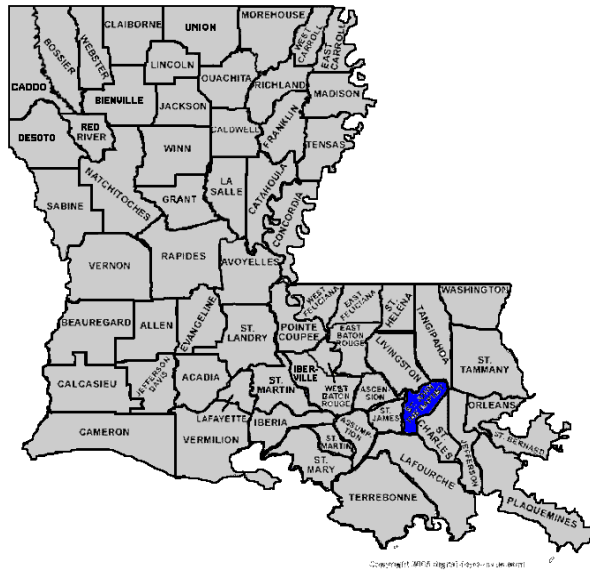
The 38th JDC, comprised of Cameron Parish (seat: Cameron) has nine public defenders who work through a contract delivery mechanism. All nine practice in adult and juvenile court. These attorneys, previously under the direction of District Defender Penelope Richard (recently elected Judge, to take the bench, January, 2009) serve a population of 9,991 with 1,543 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 1,100 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 170 juveniles. The office is supported by one investigator and one interpreter. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with two desktops, one laser printer, and one scanner/fax. Increased funding is needed for contract attorneys (currently \$60/hr.) and office space.



THE 39TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Brian McRae

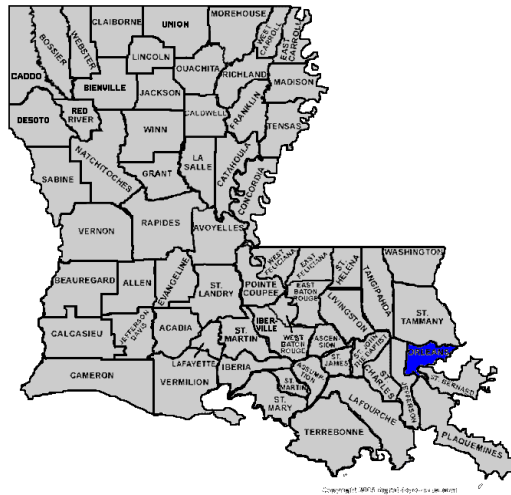
The 39th JDC, comprised of Red River Parish (seat: Coushatta) has 2 public defenders both of whom do some juvenile work through a contract delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Brian McRae, serve a population of 9,622 with 1,509 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for every 4,800 citizens and one juvenile defender for every 750 juveniles. Mr. McRae is supported by an Assistant District Defender and two administrative assistants. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with one desktop PC, and a videoconferencing system. However, technical training is requested for the database data entry.



THE 40TH JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Richard B. Stricks

The 40th JDC, comprised of St. John the Baptist Parish (seat: Edgard) has 12 public defenders seven of whom do some, if not exclusively, juvenile work through a mixed delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Richard Stricks, serve a population of 43,044 with 6,585 juveniles in the public schools. This equates to one attorney for nearly every three thousand six hundred citizens and one juvenile defender for every 940 juveniles. Mr. Stricks is supported by two investigators, two interpreters, one financial assistant and one administrative assistant. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient, but aging, with three desktops, 12 laptops, two wireless cards, one VCR, one digital camera and one audio recorder. Immediate needs in the 40th are the salary reduction forced upon the District Defender as well as the financial uncertainty faced each year in funding.



THE 41ST JDC PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

District Defender: Derwyn Bunton

The 41st JDC, comprised of Orleans (seat: New Orleans) Parish, has 45 public defenders who work through a mixed delivery mechanism. These attorneys, under the direction of District Defender Derwyn Bunton, serve a population of 484,674. This equates to one attorney for nearly every ten thousand seven hundred citizens. There are 9,719 juveniles in Orleans public schools. Juvenile defense in Orleans is provided by JRS, Juvenile Regional Services with four attorneys, one assistant director and one director. This equates to juvenile defender for every 1900 juveniles. Mr. Bunton is supported by a management team made up of the Chief of Trials; General; Training Director; Director of Operations; Chief Administrator; and, Line. In addition, the Chief employs the Chief of the Conflict Division who supervises attorneys in the conflict division and acts as liaison with the Chief Defender. The technological infrastructure is reported to be sufficient with nine desktops, 80 laptops, three wireless cards, three color printers, two video cameras, one VCR, nine digital cameras and five audio recorders. The critical need in Orleans is funding for more attorneys as federal funds were recently reduced and proposed replacement funds from the City are inadequate.